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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3641**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE THE APPLICATION OF:  
PAPER:**

Inventor : Mitchell R. Swartz

Serial no. 09/750, 480

Filed: 12/28/00

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS  
TO MONITOR LOADING  
USING VIBRATION**

Group Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: R. Palabrica

This is a continuation of Serial no. 07/371,937  
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October 7, 2011

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION to the COMMISSIONER  
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181**

1. This petition is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.181 to the Commissioner of Patents and is made to invoke his supervisory authority to correct a wrongful situation involving the appearance of significant impropriety in a "DECISION ON PETITION" [Exhibit "A" attached, hereinafter "Decision"] mailed December 6, 2010.

2. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.181, there is no fee. This Petition is reasonable based upon the reasons stated below and the facts as discussed in the Declaration supporting this Petition.

3. In the discussion below, reference is made to the Declaration of Dr. Mitchell Swartz (hereinafter called the "Swartz Declaration") dated October 6, 2011. In the discussion below, additional reference is made to the previous ignored Declarations of Dr. Mitchell Swartz in the above-entitled application, including those dated September 8, 2006, October 18, 2004, October 19, 2004, and January 28, 2004.

## **Gravamen**

4. The pro se Petitioner received a "Decision" mailed October 19, 2010, signed by Mr. Carl Friedman, which was at variance with the facts. A Petition was submitted to correct the matter which has the appearance of impropriety. In response, the Petitioner received the present "Decision" mailed 12/06/2010, signed by Mr. Anthony Knight, which also is at variance with the facts, and covers up previous false statements. Supporting indelibly the case discussed in detail below, reference is made to Exhibit "B" which are the postal cards demonstrating valid and timely receipt of Petitioner's communications.

5. Despite Evidence to the contrary, Mr. Knight and others in the USPTO have made false statements to influence an upcoming Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and are thus very timely relevant. These false statements have been made on federal documents, were sent across state lines, and coverup egregious systematic misconduct at the USPTO, made under color of law, made to discriminate against Petitioner, and made after Petitioner's checks were cashed.

6. The behavior of Mr. Knight who attempts to cover this up under color of law using disingenuity on federal documents is especially egregious. Attention of the Court, Congress, and the Board are directed to Exhibits "C" and "D" which demonstrate that the Examiner and USPTO have been disingenuous against the Petitioner (then Applicant and Appellant) despite that the Petitioner sent the Examiner Declarations citing portions of, and the existence of, said Exhibits. Attention of the Court, Congress, and Board is directed to the previous ignored Declarations of Dr. Mitchell Swartz in the above-entitled application, including those dated September 8, 2006, October 18, 2004, October 19, 2004, and January 28, 2004. Regarding the appearance of impropriety by some in the USPTO, attention of the Court, Congress, and Board is also directed to the previous Petitions to the Commissioner in the above-entitled application, including those dated September 8, 2006, April 5, 2005, October 18, 2004, October 19, 2004, and January 28, 2004, and October 29, 2010.

## Background: TIME TABLE

06/27/1989 The original specification and claims filed; '937  
 09/10/1998 Order of the Board of Patent Appeal for Examiner to Consider Declarations and other Matters  
 01/18/2001 Filing of Pet. Cert. to the US Supreme Court (00-1191) and Motion to Reconsider (no response by the USPTO; in the words of the clerk at POTUS this is the first time ever):  
 12/28/2000 Filing of Continuation '480  
 01/14/2004 First Final of '480  
 05/09/2004 Notice of Appeal (paid by checks, fully cashed)  
 07/02/2004 Appeal Brief for '480  
 10/19/2004 Notice of Board of Patent Appeal of False Statements by Dr. Palabrida  
 01/11/2005 *nunc pro tunc* "(new) Final" fabricated by Dr. Palabrida to remove case from Board of Patent Appeal (obstruction of justice to prevent action by Board of Patent Appeal)  
 04/05/2005 Petition for Removal of Dr. Palabrida and Correction of Abuse and False Statements  
 04/06/2005 Filing of Continuation '677  
 10/20/2009 Filing of Continuation '258 because of abuse by Dr. Palabrida in '677 - "taken" by Dr. Palabrida  
 10/19/2010 Previous "Decision" with false statements to 04/05/2005 Petition for Removal of Dr. Palabrida from future applications (now relevant to Board of Patent Appeals) -  
 01/19/2010 present "Decision" with false statements signed by Mr. Knight

## UNDISPUTED FACT: There Was NO Abandonment

7. During the pendency of case '480, a Notice was also sent to the Board of Patent Appeal concerning false statements by Dr. Palabrida. To prevent action by the Board of Patent Appeal, Dr. Palabrida fabricated a *nunc pro tunc* "(new) Final", and withdrew the case from the Board of Patent Appeal. The date referred to above was the SECOND FINAL action by Dr. Palabrida made to obstruct justice and discriminate against Petitioner (now and then Appellant) while the Appeal was going on, and after the checks had been cashed.

Said second final Office action was January 11, 2005. This new SECOND FINAL led to a Petition for Recusal and Investigation of Dr. Palabrida and a Filing of Continuation, ie. '677. [underlined and bold for emphasis]

These two (2) actions were necessary because of the never-ending harassment, disingenuous statements, and obstruction of justice by Dr. Palabrida. As the Swartz Declaration stated,

**"I sent the Petition because of abuse against me by the Examiner, Dr. Palabrida. I included detailed, substantive reasons supported by Evidence and Declarations. It has all been ignored."**  
[bold and underlined for emphasis]

8. To reiterate, Petitioner's [then Applicant's] Communications with the Office included contacting the Board of Patent Appeal (describing the abuse by the Examiner to further establish a salient record), and Petition to the Commissioner, and under the timely filed Continuation of the above-entitled patent application ('677). This is hardly abandonment to anyone with common sense.

9. The Continuation was received on time (Exhibit "B"). The date stamp of the USPTO confirms this as does the filing date. The original Petition was received on time (Exhibit "B"). The date stamp of the USPTO confirms this as does the filing date.

As the Swartz Declaration states,

**"I received a "DECISION ON PETITION" [Exhibit "A" attached, hereinafter "Decision"] mailed December 6, 2010. The Decision does not even relate to what was in the Petition. The Decision ignored the arguments and the Declaration supporting the Petition."**

**"Instead of responding at all, the Decision has fabricated a false impression that the above-entitled invention was abandoned based upon nothing more than false statements by Mr. Knight."**

**"Patent application '480 was not abandoned as Mr. Knight disingenuously states and implies. I sent a Petition because of abuse against me by the Examiner, Dr. Palabrida. I included detailed, substantive reasons supported by Evidence and Declarations. It has all been ignored. In part, the Examiner has ignored submitted Evidence rebutting him, and in its place he has substituted false and evasive statements. I also notified the Board of Patent Appeals. With the appearance of impropriety, Dr. Ricardo Palabrida, to prevent action by the Board of Patent Appeal, fabricated a new, second, Final while the Appeal was going on, and after the checks had been cashed."**

**UNDISPUTED FACT: The Law Confirms the Applicant****UNDISPUTED FACT: The *pro se* Applicant satisfied §1.135**

10. The *pro se* Applicant satisfied several conditions of § 1.135 so there was absolutely NO Abandonment for failure to reply within time period.

First, the applicant of the above-entitled patent application did reply within the time period provided under § 1.134 and § 1.136.

11. Second, the *pro se* Applicant included a complete and proper reply AND a Petition to the Commission.

12. Third, the *pro se* Applicant made a bona fide attempt to advance the application to final action.

**UNDISPUTED FACT: The *pro se* Applicant satisfied §1.113**

13. Fourth, the *pro se* Applicant satisfied § 1.113 because he filed appeal and made Petition to the Director "in the case of objections or requirements not involved in the rejection of any claim ( 1.181)."

**UNDISPUTED FACT: The *pro se* Applicant satisfied MPEP 714.13(11)**

14. Fifth, the *pro se* Applicant satisfied MPEP 714.13(11) which states

**"Failure to properly reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection results in abandonment. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to:**

**(A) an amendment complying with 37 CFR 1.116;**  
**(B) a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee)"**

15. Said filing of said Continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) was made on time.

**The application was never abandoned.**

**There was never a failure to timely file a reply.** [underlined and bold for emphasis]

### **UNDISPUTED FACT: There A Continuation Filed and Ignored**

16. The Decision states,

*The petition decision mailed October 19, 2010, noted that applicant had failed to timely respond to the final Office action mailed January 11, 2005. Petitioner points out that a "response" was filed in the form of continuation '677 on April 6, 2005. A review of Office records shows that continuation application No. 11/099,677 was filed April 6, 2005 (a continuation of that application was filed as application No. 12/589,258 on October 20, 2009)."*

This is absolutely incorrect for several reasons.

First, the Petitioner points to a Petition that was sent to the USPTO.

Second, the date stamp of the USPTO confirms this Petition was received.

Third, this is especially relevant because said Petition discussed obstruction of justice and the appearance of impropriety by the some at the USPTO.

### **UNDISPUTED FACT: There Was A Petition Filed and Ignored**

17. The Decision falsely states,

*"This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.181 filed November 1, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.*

*The petition is DENIED.'*

*The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of January 11, 2005.*

*No reply was timely received in the above identified application and the application went abandoned on April 12, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed September 5, 2006."*

18. Fourth, attention is directed to the fact that disputing the present flawed Decision, is the previous Decision. The difference heralds that the Petitioner's submissions have again been recently removed from the file folder. This is obvious because apparently it was there in 2010, when the Office also inadvertently revealed it had said, since-removed, Petition discussing obstruction of justice and the appearance of impropriety by the some at the USPTO. Note that said previous "Decision" referred to an April 8, 2005, which it stated,

*"A petition under 37 CFR 1.181 was filed on April 8, 2005. This petition was denied by the Technology Center 3600 Director on May 10, 2005. This petition was the only response filed by applicant during the response time set in the final Office action."*

[false statement by Mr. Friedman in the flawed "Decision" of 10/19/2010 since there was a Continuation filed, too]

It is apparent that in the present Decision, Mr. Knight has deliberately, falsely stated on federal document that the Applicant (then Appellant) had not responded with a Petition to the Commissioner, while claiming the case was "abandoned". In fact, the *pro se* litigant filed a Petition and a Continuation.

19. To coverup the submitted Petition, with the appearance of impropriety, Mr. Knight leads away from the Petition, and in the Decision disingenuously states,

*"A petition under 37 CFR 1.181 was filed September 13, 2006. It was treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment and was dismissed in a decision mailed October 19, 2010. The instant renewed petition was filed November 1, 2010."*

This is absolutely incorrect because the issue is the Petition filed in April 2005. Mr. Knight's misleading statement is designed to be misleading, and is at variance with the actual record.

20. As a result of the coverup by Mr. Knight, it is important to examine the original Petition which he is denying by fabricated falsehoods on federal documents sent through the US mail across state borders. The Petition was about an abuse by the Examiner and not about abandonment. The Petition made by the Applicant was about proven abuse by the Examiner, and there was strong support by Exhibits including unrebutted Declarations. The Petition to which the "Decision" responded (ignoring every issue therein and inventing a purported abandonment) requested the recusal of Dr. Palabrica for reasons supported by Evidence and Declarations, therein attached. The Petition stated at the end,

**"WHEREFORE, with this Petition supported by Affidavit, the Applicant respectfully requests relief from the latest improper actions of the Examiner and his Supervisor. They have refused to respond to Applicant's arguments. They have refused to respond to Applicant's Declarants. They have clouded the record with two 'finals'. It is impossible for the Applicant to respond to two different Finals and a pattern which is not consistent with Office rules by the Examiner. Therefore, to clean the record and make it clear, Appellant is now forced to file a Continuation. The Appellant hereby requests that, first, the Office refund Appellant's costs for the wasted Appeal to the Board. This amount is \$20,000.00 Furthermore, the Appellant hereby requests that given Exhibit "G", that the Office and the Commissioner immediately act to move this action to different Group Art and to recuse the Examiner and his Supervisors hereinafter from all of Appellant's applications. Attention of the Court is directed to the fact that failure to con ect this in the light of said Exhibit "G" would reasonably be interpreted as an admission by the Office that said policy denying rights to Applicant and denying energy and inventions to America as itemized in said Exhibit "G" not only continues, but continues with the willful and explicit approval of both the Commissioner and the Office. "**

**EVIDENCE OF FALSE STATEMENTS**

21. The present Decision signed by Mr. Anthony Knight has the appearance of an impropriety.
22. The present Decision signed by Mr. Anthony Knight does not even relate to the submitted Petition. The flawed, disingenuous "Decision" does not discuss substantively the relevant arguments in the Petition and submitted Declarations which supported said Petition.
23. The present Decision ignored the Petition and the record, so it is impossible to tell how Mr. Anthony Knight weighed Petitioner's arguments. There is absolutely no way for the Petitioner to present Mr. Anthony Knight's reasons for rejection to the Board of Appeals or the federal court in the upcoming, apparently requisite Complaint. The Petitioner had a right to know the substantive, precise reason, and the scientific basis, and authority which allow Mr. Anthony Knight and Mr. Carl Friedman to dismiss substantive Arguments by the Petitioner without accurate citation, relevant analysis, or substantive coherent response.
24. The present Decision signed by Mr. Anthony Knight has false statements.
25. The present Decision signed by Mr. Anthony Knight containing false statements was sent through the US mail into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
26. The present Decision signed by Mr. Anthony Knight covers up false statements made in a Decision of October 19, 2010.
27. The present Decision signed by Mr. Anthony Knight creates a false impression that the above-entitled invention was abandoned based upon false and disingenuous statements in the flawed "Decision". Nothing it states could be further from the truth.

**CONCLUSIONS**

**Count #1 False Statement on Federal Documents by Mr. Carl Friedman**

**Count #2 False Statement on Federal Documents by Mr. Anthony Knight**

**Count #3 False Statement on Federal Documents by Mr. Anthony Knight  
Sent thru US Mail across to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Count #4 Misprision of Felony by Mr. Anthony Knight**

**Count #5 Misprision of Felony by Mr. Anthony Knight's Supervisors  
(names not known at this time).**

## EVIDENCE OF COVERUP

28. The Decision falsely states on a federal document,

*"As petitioner has failed, despite repeated attempts, to provide any persuasive arguments meriting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, the petition must be denied.*

*The prior decision, which refused to withdraw the holding of abandonment, has been reconsidered, and is affirmed.*

*Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to Carl Friedman at 571-272-6842. "*

The previous Decision signed by Carl Friedman in the Decision of October 19, 2010 fabricated an abandonment where none ever existed. Said previous Decision is egregious and odious because it falsely claims Applicant did not reply when the date stamp of the Office heralds that Applicant did.

29. The designer of said present "Decision" signed by Mr. Anthony Knight contained malicious false statements, and was sent through the US mail into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There is therefore misprision of felony by Mr. Knight and possibly his/their supervisor(s). As the Swartz Declaration states,

**"The second "Final" Office action made by Dr. Palabrica to coverup my Complaints against him was on January 11, 2005. As a result, I sent a Petition because of abuse against me. It included detailed, substantive Evidence and Declarations. The date stamp of the USPTO confirms this was received. It has all been ignored. As a result, I filed a valid Continuation. The date stamp of the USPTO confirms this as does the filing date of patent application '258."**

30. The present Decision signed by Mr. Anthony Knight and the Decision of October 19, 2010 constitute two falsified documents tantamount to obstruction of justice against the Board of Patent Appeals, the federal court, and the Applicant.

31. Said Decisions are unfair, improper, with the appearance of impropriety.

32. Said Decisions have the appearance of impropriety because they involve the same conspiring individuals ruling on themselves, "rubber-stamping" false statements.

33. Said present Decision and said previous Decision [hereinafter "Decisions"] discriminate against the Applicant by fabricating and making up an "abandonment" which was never there.

34. The present Decision signed by Mr. Anthony Knight containing false statements, sent through the US mail into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was designed to obstruct justice.

35. The present Decision signed by Mr. Anthony Knight containing false statements, sent through the US mail into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was designed to continue discrimination.

36. Said Decisions have the appearance of impropriety because they are an obstruction of justice to avoid Internal Affairs inquiries at the USPTO from dealing with corrupt issues within the USPTO which have the appearance of impropriety.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

**Count #6 Perjury and/or False Statements on Federal Documents by Mr. Anthony Knight to Cover up Other False Statements**

**Count #7 Misprision of Felony by Mr. Anthony Knight**

**Count #8 Discrimination Under Color of Law by Mr. Anthony Knight**

**Count #9 False Statements on Federal Documents by Mr. Anthony Knight to Coverup Cashed Checks**

**Count #10 Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice by Mr. Carl Friedman and Mr. Anthony Knight Using False Statements on Federal Documents Sent thru US Mail across to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Count #11 Misprision of Felony by Mr. Anthony Knight's Supervisors (names not known at this time).**

37. The Petitioner is interested in judicial economy. The present Petition is another honest attempt by the Petitioner for judicial economy by allowing for the Commissioner and the USPTO to correct this matter before filing state and federal civil law suits seeking damages of \$10,000 a day going back to the original filing of '937. The Office has shown (including by the present flawed "Decision" which fabricates an "abandonment" when there was none) systematic conspiratorial behavior to violate Appellant's civil rights. Specifically, this group now includes Carl Friedman, Ricardo Palabrica, David Bricci, Robert W Bahr, Janice A. Falcone, Sharon Gibson, Robert Oberlieitner, Richerd K. Seidel, Arthur Grimley, David Bricci, Charles Pearson, and Jon W. Dudas, all individually and as Officers.

38. The Petitioner is interested in judicial economy. In the previous "Decision", the record was distorted by Carl Friedman has the appearance of impropriety. It has occurred during an obstruction of justice -- and a request for relief. Furthermore, said obstruction of justice has egregiously occurred AFTER willful violations by the USPTO were sent (i.e. Notification) where said violations now may include state and federal offenses under color of law, using false statements and fraud, including but not limited to, Title 18 U.S.C. §1341, Mail Fraud, 18 U.S.C. §1001, Presenting a False Document to an Agent of the United States Government, 18 U.S.C. §1027 False statements and concealment of facts in relation to documents required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and other possible offenses including civil and/or criminal RICO violations, 18 U.S.C. §§1961-68 (RICO Act), 18 U.S.C. §1001 (False Statements to Agents of the U.S. Government), 18 U.S.C. §1341 (Mail Fraud), and 18 U.S.C. §241 (Conspiracy Against Civil Rights), and the Espionage Act of 1917, 50 U.S.C. 32 (a).

39. The Petitioner is interested in judicial economy. In the present "Decision", the record has been distorted by Mr. Anthony Knight with the appearance of impropriety. It has occurred during the reporting of disingenuous statements by individuals in the USPTO and thereby comprises an obstruction of justice. Hence, the need for relief. Furthermore, said obstruction of justice has egregiously occurred AFTER willful violations by the USPTO were sent (i.e. Notification) multiple times and were received, and where said violations now may include state and federal offenses under color of law, using false statements and fraud, including but not limited to, Title 18 U.S.C. §1341, Mail Fraud, 18 U.S.C. §1001, Presenting a False Document to an Agent of the United States Government, 18 U.S.C. §1027 False statements and concealment of facts in relation to documents required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and other possible offenses including civil and/or criminal RICO violations, 18 U.S.C. §§1961-68 (RICO Act), 18 U.S.C. §1001 (False Statements to Agents of the U.S. Government), 18 U.S.C. §1341 (Mail Fraud), and 18 U.S.C. §241 (Conspiracy Against Civil Rights), and the Espionage Act of 1917, 50 U.S.C. 32 (a).

40 The present flawed Decision is relevant to Board of Patent Appeals '258 because Dr. Palabrica "took" the Continuation '258 and purported that '480 was abandoned to the Board. Those false statements also have the appearance of impropriety.

41. NOTA BENE: This Petition does hereby serve in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts state and federal court (first circuit) that a final reasonable Notice was delivered requesting a substantive address of the Petitioned issues in the interest of judicial economy.

42. NOTA BENE: This Petition does hereby serve in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts state court that a final reasonable Notice has been again delivered requesting a substantive address of the Petitioned issues, including false statements on federal documents, sent through the US mail into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, after filing fee and Appeal fee checks were cashed from a citizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a patent application and then Appeal (thereby also invoking USPTO violations of M.G.L.93A incurring triple damages and legal fees).

WHEREFORE, as the record and date stamps of the USPTO demonstrate there has never been any abandonment as the flawed "Decision" purports, and as the record and date stamps of the USPTO demonstrate there has also been an unaddressed Petition by the Petitioner [followed by documented further abuse of the Applicant (now Appellant)] heralding the appearance of impropriety in the Office] this Petition supported by Affidavit respectfully requests relief from the flawed "Decision", which is of immediate relevance to the Board of Patent Appeals.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Swartz, ScD, MD

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING [37 CFR 1.8(a)]**

October 7, 2011

To Whom it Does Concern:

I hereby certify that this correspondence will be deposited with the United States Postal Service by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to The Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA  
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on the date below. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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### DECLARATION OF DR. MITCHELL SWARTZ

I, Mitchell R. Swartz, declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America and the inventor of the invention described in the above-entitled application.

1. I have worked in the fields of nuclear physics, calorimetry, electrical engineering, and energy production and conversion for more than four decades, including experimental projects at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Massachusetts General Hospital
2. I received a "DECISION ON PETITION" [Exhibit "A" attached, hereinafter "Decision"] mailed December 6, 2010. The Decision does not even relate to what was in the Petition. The Decision ignored the arguments and the Declaration supporting the Petition.
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I declare that all statements herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Signature of Inventor:



October 7, 2011

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Filed: December 28, 2000  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
MONITOR LOADING USING VIBRATION**

**ON PETITION**

**Exhibit "A"**

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.181 filed November 1, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DENIED**.<sup>1</sup>

**BACKGROUND**

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of January 11, 2005. The reply to a final Office action must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2).

No reply was timely received in the above identified application and the application went abandoned on April 12, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed September 5, 2006.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.181 was filed September 13, 2006. It was treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment and was dismissed in a decision mailed October 19, 2010.

The instant renewed petition was filed November 1, 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> This decision is a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704 for purposes of seeking judicial review. See MPEP 1002.02.

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3) Appellant's Appendix attached thereto,  
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6) Request for Investigation of Mr. Palabrich, and  
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Thank you. Dr. Mitchell Swartz

Mailed July 2, 2004

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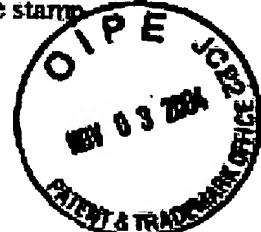
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Thank you. Dr. Mitchell Swartz

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4. Exhibit "G" Proof of Office Conspiracy  
to prevent issue of Applicant's patents
5. This self-addressed stamped postcard.  
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Thank you.  
April 5, 2005 Dr. Mitchell Swartz





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## Defense Analysis Report

EXHIBIT "C"

DIA-08-0911-003

13 November 2009

### Technology Forecast: Worldwide Research on Low-Energy Nuclear Reactions Increasing and Gaining Acceptance

*Scientists worldwide have been quietly investigating low-energy nuclear reactions (LENR) for the past 20 years. Researchers in this controversial field are now claiming paradigm-shifting results, including generation of large amounts of excess heat, nuclear activity and transmutation of elements.<sup>1, 2, 3</sup> Although no current theory exists to explain all the reported phenomena, some scientists now believe quantum-level nuclear reactions may be occurring. DIA assesses with high confidence that if LENR can produce nuclear-origin energy at room temperatures, this disruptive technology could revolutionize energy production and storage, since nuclear reactions release millions of times more energy per unit mass than do any known chemical fuel.<sup>4, 5</sup>*

#### Background

In 1989, Martin Fleischmann and Stanley Pons announced that their electrochemical experiments had produced excess energy under standard temperature and pressure conditions.<sup>6</sup> Because they could not explain this physical phenomenon based on known chemical reactions, they suggested the excess heat could be nuclear in origin. However, their experiments did not show the radiation or radioactivity expected from a nuclear reaction. Many researchers attempted to replicate the results and failed. As a result, the physics community disparaged their work as lacking credibility, and the press mistakenly dubbed it "cold fusion." Related research also suffered from the negative publicity of cold fusion for the past 20 years, but many scientists believed something important was occurring and continued their research with little or no visibility. For years, scientists were intrigued by the possibility of producing large amounts of clean energy through LENR, and now this research has begun to be accepted in the scientific community as reproducible and legitimate.

#### Source Summary Statement

This assessment is based on analysis of a wide body of intelligence reporting, most of which is open source information including scientific briefings, peer-reviewed technical journals, international scientific conference proceedings, interviews with scientific experts and technical media. While there is little classified data on this topic due to the S&T nature of the information and the lack of collection, DIA judges that these open sources generally provide the most reliable intelligence available on this topic. The information in this report has been corroborated and reviewed by U.S. technology experts who are familiar with the data and the international scientists involved in this work.

Although much skepticism remains, LENR programs are receiving increased support worldwide, including state sponsorship and funding from major corporations.<sup>7, 8, 9, 10</sup> DIA assesses that Japan and Italy are leaders in the field, although Russia, China, Israel, and India<sup>11</sup> are devoting significant resources to this work in the hope of finding a new clean

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energy source. Scientists worldwide have been reporting anomalous excess heat production, as well as evidence of nuclear particles<sup>12, 13, 14</sup> and transmutation.<sup>15, 16, 17</sup>

- Y. Iwamura<sup>18</sup> at Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries first detected transmutation of elements when permeating deuterium through palladium metal in 2002.
- Researchers led by Y. Arata at Osaka University in Japan<sup>19</sup> and a team led by V. Violante at ENEA in Italy (the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy, and the Environment—the equivalent to the U.S. Department of Energy)<sup>20</sup> also made transmutation claims.
- Additional indications of transmutation have been reported in China, Russia, France, Ukraine, and the United States.<sup>21, 22</sup>
- Researchers in Japan, Italy, Israel, and the United States have all reported detecting evidence of nuclear particle emissions.<sup>23, 24</sup>
- Chinese researchers described LENR experiments in 1991 that generated so much heat that they caused an explosion that was not believed to be chemical in origin.<sup>25</sup>
- Japanese, French, and U.S. scientists also have reported rapid, high-energy LENR releases leading to laboratory explosions, according to scientific journal articles from 1992 to 2009.<sup>26, 27</sup>
- Israeli scientists reported in 2008 that they have applied pulsating electrical currents to their LENR experiments to increase the excess energy production.<sup>28</sup>
- As of January 2008, India was reportedly considering restarting its LENR program after 14 years of dormancy.<sup>29</sup>

U.S. LENR researchers also have reported results that support the phenomena of anomalous heat, nuclear particle production, and transmutation.<sup>30, 31, 32</sup>

- At the March 2009 American Chemical Society annual meeting, researchers at U.S. Navy SPAWAR Pacific reported excess energy,<sup>33</sup> nuclear particles,<sup>34</sup> and transmutation,<sup>35, 36</sup> stating that these effects were probably the result of nuclear reactions.<sup>37</sup>
- A research team at the U.S. company SRI International has been studying the electrochemistry and kinetics of LENR since the early 1990's, reporting excess heat and helium production.<sup>38</sup>

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- In May 2002, researchers at JET Thermal in Massachusetts reported excess heat and optimal operating points for LENR manifolds.<sup>39</sup>
- Researchers at the China Lake Naval Air Warfare Center in California first reported anomalous power correlated with Helium-4 production in 1996.<sup>40</sup>

Although no one theory currently exists to explain all the observed LENR phenomena, some scientists now believe these nuclear reactions may be small-scale deuterium fusion occurring in a palladium metal lattice.<sup>41, 42, 43</sup> Some others still believe the heat evolution can be explained by non-nuclear means. Another possibility is that LENR may involve an intricate combination of fusion and fission triggered by unique chemical and physical configurations on a nanoscale level.<sup>44, 45</sup> **This body of research has produced evidence that nuclear reactions may be occurring under conditions not previously believed possible.** Recent results suggest these anomalous LENR phenomena can be triggered by various energetic stimuli (electric and magnetic fields, acoustic waves, infrared, lasers)<sup>46,</sup><sup>47</sup> and may have a variety of operational modes.

### Nuclear Fusion

Nuclear fusion as currently understood occurs only in the core of stars, in nuclear weapons, in high temperature plasmas, or in inertially confined high-energy collisions. Scientists for years have attempted to harness nuclear fusion through high-temperature plasma techniques but have been unable to produce more energy output than supplied. Fusion was once thought to be the answer to the world's future clean energy needs, but after 60 years of research still has yet to live up to this promise. "Hot" fusion researchers do not believe fusion can occur at near-room temperatures based on the Coulomb barrier that repels like nuclear charges and have dismissed much of the "cold fusion" research conducted since 1989. As a result, such research has received limited funding and support over the past 20 years.

### Potential Applications of LENR: The Technology Surprise Factor

LENR's potential as a future clean energy source is still unknown. However, recent results indicating nuclear activity and transmutation are intriguing and pose the following questions:

- If the excess heat from these experiments could be captured and intensified, could LENR be used as a power source for engines, batteries, or other equipment?
- If nuclear particles could be generated and transmute elements, could LENR be used to mitigate hazardous waste or to neutralize weapons of mass destruction?<sup>48</sup>
- If the various modes of energy production could be identified and optimized, could LENR be used to create designer materials or critical resources that are in short supply or serve as a tailored, "dial-a-mode" power source?

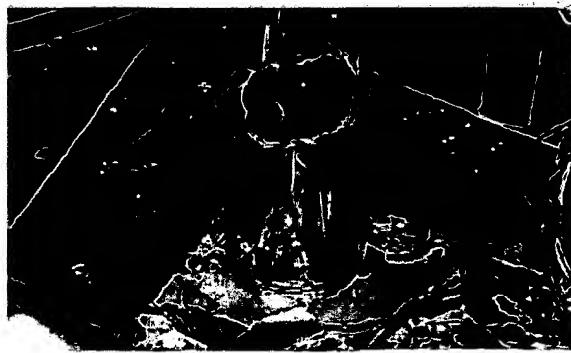
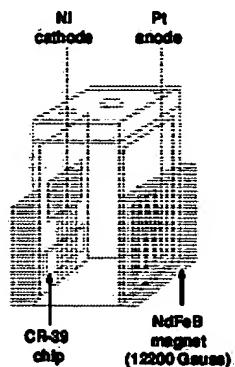
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- If rapid, explosive energy output can occur in one or several modes, could LENR serve as a new high-energy-density explosive?

International LENR research was highlighted in April 2009 on a U.S. television program focused on the 20th anniversary of the Fleischman and Pons announcement.<sup>49</sup> Many U.S. researchers are collaborating with foreign scientists, but each team has proprietary aspects of their experiments that are not shared. Because some peer-reviewed journals are reluctant to review or publish LENR data due to past controversies, most results are presented at international conferences, and foreign scientists have access to much of the U.S. data. In addition, U.S. experts have been invited to brief on LENR to nuclear institutes in India,<sup>50</sup> Belgium,<sup>51</sup> and South Korea,<sup>52</sup> and a reciprocal visit by South Koreans to SPAWAR Pacific to initiate collaboration is planned. This relatively free flow of information increases the likelihood of a technology breakthrough—as well as the potential for technology surprise—by an international team, especially those from countries that are devoting more resources to this research than is the United States, and are supported with major corporate funding (Mitsubishi, Toyota, and Honda in Japan; Pirelli in Italy).<sup>53</sup>

### The Experiments

Most LENR experiments involve electrodes immersed in solutions of metal salts such as lithium chloride or lithium sulfate, with heavy water substituted for natural water. Electric current is sent through the experimental apparatus, in most instances producing excess heat. This effect occurs over long periods (several hundreds of hours), and many early experimenters achieved negative results because they were unaware of this incubation period. Israeli researchers used pulsating electric fields to increase heat production. The application of magnetic fields has been shown to stimulate increased heat and power. Usually one of the electrodes is palladium, because it has a high ability to adsorb (hold on the surface) and absorb deuterium atoms in its metal matrix. Deuterium is an isotope of hydrogen that undergoes fusion in nuclear weapons at high temperatures and pressures; it also undergoes fusion and is one of the basic building blocks of the heavier elements formed in stars. The Navy SPAWAR experiments used a unique technique to place the palladium atoms in the heavy-water solution and to codeposit palladium and deuterium, which rapidly increases the deuterium "loading" necessary for the LENR phenomena to occur.



A Notional LENR Electrochemical Cell (Left) and a French LENR Apparatus After an Unexplained Explosion (Right)<sup>54</sup>

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### Who's Hot in Cold Fusion?

The countries with the most advanced LENR programs are Japan, Italy, and Israel. In addition, Russia, France, China, South Korea, and India are spending significant resources on LENR research. The following are among the most notable efforts:

- In Japan, Iwamura at Mitsubishi has been studying transmutation of elements in LENR experiments and multilayer palladium (Pd) complexes. His team includes the Japanese Synchrotron Radiation Research Institute and SPring-8 at Riken. Kitamura and other researchers at Kobe University are investigating Pd nanopowders and Helium-4 ash. Arata at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries has worked on catalysts containing nanopalladium. Yamaguchi at Kobe noted transmutation using multilayered Pd samples. Mizuno at Hokkaido is studying transmutations and heat generation. A team led by Hioki at Toyota is investigating deuterium gas permeation through Pd as well as transmutations. Toriyabe at Tohoku University is developing charged-particle detectors for LENR. Kasagi is looking at electron and ionic-screening in LENR effects.
- Vittorio Violante, a leader in the field of Pd metallurgy and the role of surface effects in LENR, heads a team at ENEA, Frascati Rome; (the Italian equivalent to the U.S. Department of Energy) performing LENR experiments. A team led by Francesco Celani at INFN that includes STMicroelectronics and Pirelli labs is studying deuterium migration in nanocoated Pd for fast-loading and anomalous heat effects. The Italian Physical and Chemical Societies are supporting LENR research in Italy.
- Srinivasan in India noted that India is restarting its LENR program; the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre had several groups working on LENR from 1989 to the early 1990s. Sinha at IISc in Bangalore is studying models for fusion in metal deuterides. Lakshmanan at Saveetha College is exploring fusion in sodium metal solutions.
- Andrei Lipson and other researchers at the Russian Academy of Sciences and scientists in Tomsk are studying the emission of charged particles during the use of electron beams to excite palladium/deuterium (Pd/D) and titanium/deuterium (Ti/D) targets. Karabut and others at LUCH also are conducting LENR experiments. A Dubna team led by Gareev is studying nuclear fusion during cavitation and molecular transitions. LUCH's Savvatimova, Dash, Muromtsev, and Artamonov also are conducting LENR experiments. Adamenko and Vysotskii of Kiev are looking for magnetic monopoles in LENR experiments. Kurchatov-based scientist Goryachev is investigating LENR for alternative energy sources and for mitigating radioactive waste.
- Xing Z. Li at Tsinghua University claims 20 institutions in China are investigating LENR with governmental support. Tian's team at Cahnchun University of Science and Technology is investigating laser triggering in Pd/D systems. Zhang and other researchers at the Chinese Academy of Sciences have studied Pd-D kinetics in LENR since 1991.
- Israeli scientists at Energetics in Omer have shown that variations in energy output can be increased using variable frequency or pulsed "superwaves" to stimulate LENR effects.
- The French Atomic Energy Agency had an official LENR program from 1997 to 1999. EDF also had one for several years. Currently, Jean-Paul Biberian from the Universite Marseille and Jacques Dufour at CNAM are working on LENR in France.
- Jan Marwan of Dr. Marwan Chemie in Berlin, Germany, is studying the nanostructure of palladium hydride systems. Huke and others from the Technische Universitat Berlin are working with Czerski in Poland and Ruprecht in Canada on electron screening mechanisms for deuteron fusion.

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### Outlook and Implications

If nuclear reactions in LENR experiments are real and controllable, DIA assesses that whoever produces the first commercialized LENR power source could revolutionize energy production and storage for the future. The potential applications of this phenomenon, if commercialized, are unlimited. The anomalous LENR effects seen in these metal lattices containing deuterium may also have as-yet undetermined nanotechnology implications. LENR could serve as a power source for batteries that could last for decades, providing power for electricity, sensors, military operations, and other applications in remote areas, including space. LENR could also have medical applications for disease treatment, pacemakers, or other equipment. Because nuclear fusion releases **10 million times more energy per unit mass than does liquid** transportation fuel, the military potential of such high-energy-density power sources is enormous. And since the U.S. military is the largest user of liquid fuel for transportation, LENR power sources could produce the greatest transformation of the battlefield for U.S. forces since the transition from horsepower to gasoline power.

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## **1.0 Executive Summary**

The potential energy that can be tapped from the nucleus ( $> 10^6$  eV/atom) is vastly greater than the energy available from the electronic states of an atom ( $< 1$  eV/atom). The conversion of mass into energy, via fission and fusion reactions, is the basis for the only existing “high-energy” weapons, but further refinements in the design of these weapons, to make them more relevant to the post-Cold War security environment, are certainly possible. Another possible way to extract energy from the nucleus is to exploit the energy stored in metastable isomeric states. Also, despite the negative publicity about “Cold Fusion,” the nuclear community continues to watch research in the area of low energy nuclear reactions with guarded optimism for possible future commercial and military applications. Anti-matter annihilation reactions involve the complete conversion of mass to energy with energy densities three orders of magnitude higher than nuclear fission and fusion. The prospect of compactly storing positrons in the form of charge-neutral positronium holds promise for viable military applications of anti-matter.

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) is chartered to monitor new potentially militarily useful sources of energy and to maintain cognizance of others’ work in these fields as a hedge against technology surprise.

DTRA tasked SAIC under Contract DTRA01-03-D-0017, Technical Instruction 18-06-11, to conduct a Workshop on a wide range of energy-related technologies that are not chemical in nature, but have credible scientific basis and preliminary experimental results.

The format for the Workshop included a Panel of invited Subject Matter Experts (collectively referred to as the Expert Panel) well versed in the candidate technologies with a broad experience base in past DoD/DTRA advanced technology programs. This Panel was charged with providing individual critiques regarding the status and potential of four primary high energy technology research areas. The Expert Panel consisted of the Honorable Harold Smith, former DoD/ATSD(NCB) and currently a Distinguished Visiting Scholar and Professor at UC, Berkeley; Dr. Jack Davis, ST Executive, Plasma Physics Division, NRL; Dr. Gerald Yonas, Director, Advanced Concepts Office, Sandia National Laboratory; and Dr. Fred Wikner, former OSD Director of Net Assessment and presently consultant to Applied Research Associates Inc.

To avoid a myriad of disparate perspectives on each of the topic areas, a key expert was assigned to coordinate the presentations in each topic area and to serve as the Chairman of the topic area Panel. The four topic areas and the respective Panel Chairs were:

**Low Energy Nuclear Reactions (LENR), Dr. David Nagel, GWU**

**Anti-Matter Annihilation, (b)(6)**

**Nuclear Isomers, Dr. Jim Silk, IDA**

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**Advanced Nuclear Fission and Fusion Concepts, Dr. Don Linger, DTRA**

An additional topic that was discussed but which did not have a Panel was, **Exotic/Extreme Physics**.

Each of the panels presented impressive results showing good progress in experimental design and execution and in first-principal demonstration of energy extraction, containment and control. Unfortunately, none of the energy sources studied are yet sufficiently advanced to be considered for development in the next five to seven years.

The Expert Panel noted the embryonic stage of development of most of the high energy technologies, and commented that DTRA, as a combat support organization, should stay abreast of the work but not necessarily serve as the primary sponsor for these technology areas.

The recommended course at this stage of development is for DTRA to provide some sponsorship, but more importantly, provide leadership in the form of working toward an interagency working agreement to assure its interests are protected and to speed the needed research by preventing overlap or duplication and identifying, with the other agencies, the most fruitful directions for new research.

## 2.0 Introduction

The High Energy S&T Workshop was a follow-on to the Novel Energetics Workshop but with the focus on energetic materials and phenomena whose energy is derived from the nucleus or subatomic processes. The Workshop objectives were to explore the following five potential areas of high-energy research:

- **Nuclear isomers**
- **Low energy nuclear reactions (LENR)**
- **Anti-matter annihilation**
- **Advanced nuclear fission and fusion concepts**
- **Exotic/extreme physics**

Only the first three topics are discussed in detail this report, because they were the primary focus of the Workshop and could be treated at the unclassified level.

The Workshop was structured to include a Panel of Experts, well versed in the topical areas and familiar with DTRA's missions and research portfolio. The Panel of Experts consisted of:

**The Honorable Harold Smith**, former DoD/ATSD(NCB) and currently a Distinguished Visiting Scholar and Professor at UC, Berkeley

**Dr. Jack Davis**, ST Executive, Plasma Physics Division, NRL

**Dr. Gerald Yonas**, Director, Advanced Concepts Office, Sandia National Laboratory

**Dr. Fred Wikner**, former OSD Director of Net Assessment and presently consultant to Applied Research Associates Inc.

The panel of Experts was instructed to screen and critique candidate high-energy S&T topics and provide recommendations regarding their maturity and relevance for DTRA.

The three topics of Nuclear Isomers, LENR, and Anti-Matter Annihilation were presented as Panel Discussions, starting with an overview by the Panel Chairman; followed by a detailed presentation by each panelist, and finally a discussion period with the Panel of Experts and the Workshop participants.

The following questions were posed for the discussion period:

- Should the high energy S&T topics be included as part of a balanced investment portfolio in "Disruptive Energetics?"
  - Do we understand the underlying physics sufficiently well to proceed with confidence?
  - Do the potential pay-offs outweigh the risks?

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- What should be the focus of the investment?
  - Well-defined, refereed, repeatable experiments?
  - Proof-of-concept tests?
  - Theoretical investigations?
  - Other?
- What are the potential applications?
  - Could these topics underwrite game-changing improvements in warfighting?
- What are the potential risks?
  - How many orders of magnitude of the specific energy density is likely to be lost to system-level packaging?
  - What criticisms should we anticipate from scientists, from the DoD bureaucracy, from Congress, ...?
  - Will these topics bump up against nuclear arms control agreements?

### 3.0 Workshop Overview

The High Energy S&T workshop was held in the DTRA Headquarters Auditorium at Ft. Belvoir, VA. The first day was dedicated to unclassified work while the second day was maintained at the Secret CNWDI level to facilitate in-depth discussions on several of the topics.

#### 3.1 First-Day Agenda

The agenda for the first day is shown in Figure 1. Each of the three Panel Chairs provided a summation of their topical area followed by detailed briefings by each of the Panel members. Dr. Bob Park was invited to speak at lunchtime, where he provided a perspective for evaluating new and evolving scientific and technical concepts against risky assumptions and faulty premises.

<b>Agenda – 12 Dec 2006 (Unclassified Session)</b>		
0830	Admin & Introductory Remarks	ASCO Staff, SAIC Staff
0900	OSD Perspective	Spiro Lekoudis, DDR&E
0930	NNSA Perspective	Dave Crandall, NNSA
1000	Break	
1015	Panel 1 – Nuclear Isomers	Jim Silk, IDA (Panel Chair)
	James Carroll, Youngstown State	
	(b)(6)	
	Ehsan Khan, SIER Program Rep	
1215	Lunch	
	<i>Luncheon Talk: "A Skeptic's Viewpoint" Bob Park, UMD</i>	
1300	Panel 2 – LENR	David Nagel, GWU (Panel Chair)
	Mitchell Swartz, JET Energy Inc.	
	Michael Melich, NPGS	
	Lewis Larsen, Lattice Energy LLC	NET: Allan Widom spoke as well
1500	Break	
1515	Panel 3 – Anti-matter	Ken Edwards, AFRL/MN (Panel Chair)
	Allen Mills, University of California, Riverside	
	Gerry Smith, Positronics Research LLC	
	Paul Csonka, University of Oregon	
1715	Adjourn	

**Figure 1. The Energy Workshop Agenda – Day 1**

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**3.2 Second-Day Agenda**

The second day included a perspective from the intelligence community, a review of an OSD-sponsored Net Assessment of Novel Energetics, and a discussion on the potential for 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Nuclear Weapons. Most of the presentations were classified. At the end of the day, the Expert Panel reported their individual observations and a “Hotwash” briefing was presented to the senior leadership of the DTRA. Figure 2 shows the agenda of the second day.

<b>Agenda – 13 Dec 2006</b>		
<b>(Session Classified)</b>		
0830	Intelligence Perspective	(b)(6)
0930	OSD Net Assessment (Blue Team)	
1015	Break	
1030	Exotic Energy and Power Concepts	Charles Rhodes, U of IL
1130	Lunch	
1230	Panel 4 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Generation Nuclear Weapons	Don Linger, DTRA Ed Turano, LLNL
1400	Break/Expert Panel Deliberations	
1430	Expert Panel Findings and Recommendations	
1530	Adjourn	
1600	Hotwash (Government Only)	
1700	Finis	

**Figure 2. The Energy Workshop Agenda – Day 2**

## **4.0 Perspectives from Government Officials**

**4.1 Dr. Mike Wheeler, DTRA Director of ASCO** welcomed all to the Workshop and provided additional context for the meeting. He spoke about the 2003 Summer Defense Science Summer Study on Future Strategic Systems, chaired by Johnny Foster. Three main themes emerged:

- a. Whether we maintain legacy nuclear weapons and/or develop new weapons (emerging technology). This debate regarding the composition of the stockpile is still ongoing.
- b. How to prevent strategic surprise from taking place by challenging the strategic community and policy community to look ahead at emerging technologies that could have military implications.
- c. What options can be given to the President to hold targets at risk without breaking the nuclear threshold – this effectively being a "holy grail" for the policy community.

He proceeded to explain how High Energy technologies fit within the DTRA research portfolio. DTRA has become the one place to concentrate all the nuclear weapons activities within the DoD. The Director of DTRA is also now dual-hatted as the Director of STRATCOM's Center for Combating WMD worldwide. DTRA has also just adopted a Campaign Structure whose topics are cross-cutting. He expressed his belief that High Energy technologies will contribute to several of these Campaigns.

**4.2 Dr. Spiro Lekoudis, DDR&E, Director for Weapons Systems**, referenced a comprehensive review of all DoD energetics research that was conducted the previous summer in response to Defense Planning Guidance and to support the POM and the Budget Estimate Submission (BES) process. He noted the gap between chemical energetics and nuclear energetics and how 50 years of research has only extended the chemical energy density by perhaps a factor of two. He acknowledged that some of the topics under consideration in this Workshop have the potential of narrowing that gap but he was circumspect about the prospect of additional funding to do so. While he recognized that the energetics community may be in distress, he placed some of the blame on the acquisition pipeline and the lack of awareness of the art of the possible. He lauded DTRA's initiative in conducting this Workshop and commented that he depends on such forums to gather the necessary information to make informed decisions. He cited the need for lighter, smaller, and more effective weapons as the primary motivator for advanced energetics, particularly in the context of difficult-to-defeat targets such as hardened bunkers and underground tunnels. He also expressed some frustration that DARPA R&D is not suited for long-term research even if the projects are "DARPA-hard." DARPA's mandate for prompt (3-year) transition to the warfighter limits their involvement in such pursuits as novel energetics.

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**4.3 Dr. Chris Deeney, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)** spoke for **Dr. Crandall** who was unavailable for the morning session. He expressed strong support for DTRA's program in trying to better understand nuclear weapon output and felt that more effort is needed here. As far as NNSA programs are concerned, the focus has been on the Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) and Complex 2030, which will provide the infrastructure to support our future nuclear stockpile. However, in today's environment anything nuclear is a tough sell and even the RRW is getting push-back from Congress.

He discussed the NNSA concerns about technology surprise in developing scientific fields related to high energy, high energy density, and high energy release rates. In this regard, he expressed concern about the decline in nuclear curricula at our universities and the dearth of U.S. students interested in pursuing the nuclear career field. This is not the case in Japan, Europe, and other parts of the world, where the leadership values nuclear power and recognizes the dual-use nature of the technology as a pathway to proliferation. He briefly described the NNSA Academic Alliance program, which seeks to reverse some of these unfavorable trends and demographics and train the next generation of scientists and managers for the nuclear enterprise.

In response to a question regarding NNSA-sponsored laser research, he commented that lasers and particle accelerators are fertile fields of research to meet future requirements. For example, he cited an important need for proton radiography.

In regard to other potential nuclear sources of energy, he felt that existing treaties and arms control protocols would get in the way, unless it is clear that there is zero yield from either fission or fusion processes. He noted that nuclear spin isomers might be exempt from current legal strictures, but the loophole will not likely last if such concepts are actively pursued.

## **5.0 Summary of Survey Presentations**

### **5.1 Nuclear Isomers Panel**

**Dr. Jim Silk , Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA)**, chaired the panel on Nuclear Isomers. An experimental nuclear physicist by training, he has been with IDA for 17 years, serving as the Deputy Director of the Science and Technology Division for the last four. He led the OSD-sponsored review of Nuclear Isomer Triggering in 2002, and served as a member of the Low Energy Nuclear Reaction Verification Red-Team.

Dr. Silk acknowledged the attractiveness of nuclear isomers given that their specific energy density is within a factor of a 100 of that of nuclear weapons. However, in his opinion, nuclear isomer research is still immature, energy break-even is improbable, and fuel production is likely to be harder than was the case for nuclear weapons. He discussed the experimental results and the reasons for difficulties in demonstrating energy gain and appropriate levels for triggering radiation release. These are related to the theoretical intractability of nuclear transitions and the crossover between natural low energy transitions and high energy depletion state thresholds. He summarized the current state of controversy regarding the  $Hf^{178m2}$  isomer by stating that he has not seen any evidence of observable triggering. His recommended path forward is shown in the panel below:

#### ***Path Forward***

- How to resolve the controversy?
  - Design a new (null) experiment?
  - Red team the data analyses? White team?
  - Let it play out?
- Beyond this, where should the research program go?
  - Nuclear structure studies - K-mixing mechanisms
  - Search for natural  $2-\gamma$  decays
  - Other isomers
  - Other triggering mechanisms
  - Diversify

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**Dr. Carroll, Youngstown State University**, reviewed the basics of nuclear isomers and their induced depletion (he prefers this term in lieu of “triggering”). He presented a table of 32 storage isotopes having lifetimes measured in seconds to years, highlighting those that store the most energy for the longest time as potentially useful for DTRA applications. Dr. Carroll summarized the current work being performed as following one of two approaches: 1) performing nuclear spectroscopy to characterize the energy levels and transitions or 2) direct measurement of depletion of metastable states with gamma ray, neutron or heavy ion irradiation followed by detection of decay rates of discrete energies. He reviewed nuclear spectroscopy and depletion data for several interesting isomers. The panel below shows some of the more promising candidates having depletion paths or induced decay modes:

**REPORTED DEPLETION**

- $^{178m^2}\text{Hf}$  – depletion paths identified (> 300 keV)
- $^{242m}\text{Am}$  – depletion paths available
- $^{108m}\text{Ag}$  – depletion path in literature (partial data)

**SPECTROSCOPY**

- $^{180m}\text{Ta}$  – photons, confirmed and connected to nuclear spectroscopy
- $^{178m^2}\text{Hf}$  – photons near 10 keV – not confirmed or substantiated by spectroscopy
- $^{177m}\text{Lu}$  – neutrons, not confirmed
- $^{68m}\text{Cu}$  – photons (Coulomb excitation), not confirmed

- THREE POSSIBLE CASES OF MEASURED DEPLETION
- THREE ADDITIONAL ISOMERS WITH DEPLETION PATHS

The panel that follows is Dr. Carroll’s summary of his views regarding the issues slowing progress:

## ***IMPEDIMENTS TO PROGRESS***

- **TIME** – experiments are typically difficult to perform and analyze
- **MATERIAL** – isomeric material needed in sufficient quantity for tests – purity typically insufficient for spectroscopic measurements as targets (isomer beams may solve this problem)
- **MANPOWER** – support needed to expand research dedicated to depletion tests and related spectroscopy
- **PERCEPTION** – latest depletion-related research considered solid, but nuclear physics community wary of extraordinary claims (as it should be).

**Dr. Ehsan Khan, Department of Energy, Science Division, and former Program Manager for DARPA's Stimulated Isomer Energy Release (SIER) Program** presented his perspective on the attractiveness of Nuclear Isomer Release Energy. Based on his experience with the Hafnium Isomer Production Panel (HIPP) he believes there are various feasible methods to increase production rates. He also believes that one of the drawbacks of past triggering experiments has been that the detection of low levels of triggered radiation is difficult in the presence of triggering radiation, other reactions, as well as electro-magnetic interference. Detecting the triggered radiation in such a complex background will need very careful experimental design.

**Dr. Schumer, NRL**, presented his perspective on why nuclear isomers/isotopes are intriguing energy-storage media. The question, which he believes remains unanswered, is whether nuclear isomers/isotopes can serve as a source of energy-on-demand? Dr. Schumer reviewed recent and proposed work at NRL, ARL and NSWC. He emphasized the need for a broader scope of research, including triggering using particles as well as gamma rays and showed some promising results under high current/ fluence, short duration pulsed particle beams, allowing measurement of product decay without the presence of the primary beam contributing noise.

His guidance on future isomer/isotope research is shown in the panel below:

**Nuclear isomers/isotopes are intriguing energy-storage media, but the question remains: can they be *energy-release* media?**

- Basic research is required before applications can be envisioned
- Efforts should be multi-faceted and multi-institutional
- Focus should expand beyond "Unobtainium" (i.e.  $^{178m^2}\text{Hf}$ )
  - including pure spin-isomers (not K-hindered)
  - including electron-capture and internal conversion isotopes
- Experimental evidence should be:
  - tempered with theoretical expectations
  - "open" vetting by experts, including both peers and un-invested community ("open" is TBD by concerned agency)
- After confirmation, system study is still required to deem ready for real life (is efficiency good enough?)
- All of this is required before beginning Manhattan-style effort to produce material

## **5.2 Low Energy Nuclear Reaction (LENR) Panel**

**Dr. David Nagel, George Washington University**, chaired the Low Energy Nuclear Reaction (LENR) Panel. He is a Research Professor in the School of Engineering and Applied Science of George Washington University. Dr. Nagel is a recognized authority on low energy nuclear reactions in condensed matter. He commented on the present state of LENR research, noting some of the more important problems impacting LENR research today:

## **PROBLEMS**

- **Potential Importance for Energy, Materials and Weapons**
- **Polarization of Scientists**
- **Diverse Mistakes**
- **Technical Complexity**
- **Flows of Money and Information Disrupted Early & Remain Poor**

On the other hand, **Dr. Nagel** pointed to many recent positive developments that indicate substantial progress in understanding and demonstrating LENR. He also mentioned the need for a theoretical basis to underpin experimental work.

## **PROGRESS**

- **Continuous Activity & International Conferences**
- **Better Instrumentation, Calibration and Controls**
- **Some Systematics Found & Verified for Heat Generation Experiments**
- **Nuclear Ash Measured & Correlated with Heat Production**
- **More Attention to Materials**
- **New Experiments Performed**
- **Some Inter-lab Reproducibility**

**Dr. Mitchell Swartz, JET Energy, INC** presented a brief summary of the results of excess heat experiments in electric-field loaded deuterated metals:

**EXCESS HEAT IN  
ELECTRIC-FIELD LOADED DEUTERATED  
METALS**  
**Research and Development**

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESULTS:**

**SIGNIFICANT EXCESS HEAT OBSERVED IN PALLADIUM HEAVY  
WATER (PdD) SYSTEM, PALLADIUM HEAVY WATER (PdD)  
CODEPOSITIONAL SYSTEM, SOME NICKEL LIGHT and  
HEAVY/LIGHT WATER SYSTEMS**

**EXCESS HEAT NOT OBSERVED IN IRON, ALUMINUM, OR  
DAMAGED PALLADIUM NICKEL SYSTEMS**

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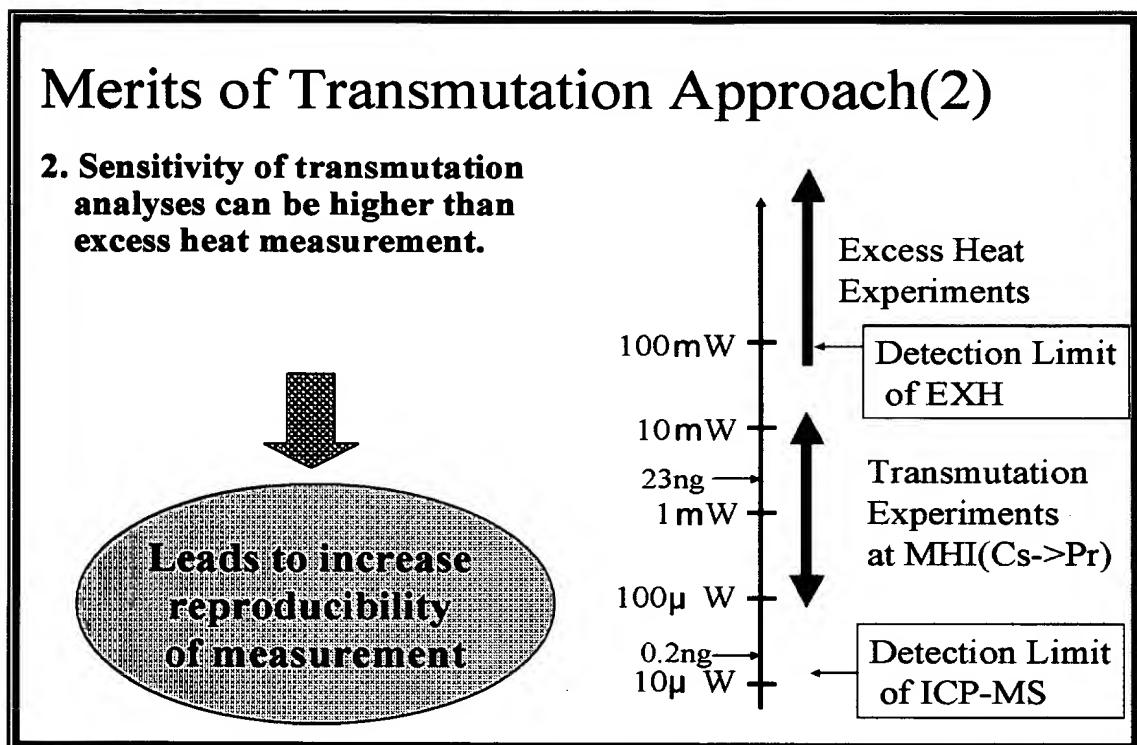


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He explained his methods for controlling measurement error and system noise by using dual calorimeter measurements that allowed precise differential measurement and integration of power. He was thus able to compare measurements of several different instruments to allow judgment of consistency in his reported results.

The diffusion and electrophoresis equations show the advantages of low conductivity electrolytes and relatively high voltages for loading D into the electrodes with co-deposition of electrode material. Dr. Swartz obtained energy and power gains over the D charging (loading) input power and discussed the importance of determining optimized operating points. Impressively, he showed a video demonstrating enough power to spin the propeller of a model airplane.

**Professor Michael Melich, W.E. Meyer Institute for Systems Engineering, Naval Postgraduate School, talked about transmutation as the signal for detecting LENR using experiments conducted in a Deuterium cell with an electrolytic Pd diffusion barrier. Quantifying the transmutation products as an experimental approach potentially affords greater sensitivity and reproducibility than excess heat, since the new elements are not present initially and can be detectable in very small concentrations:**



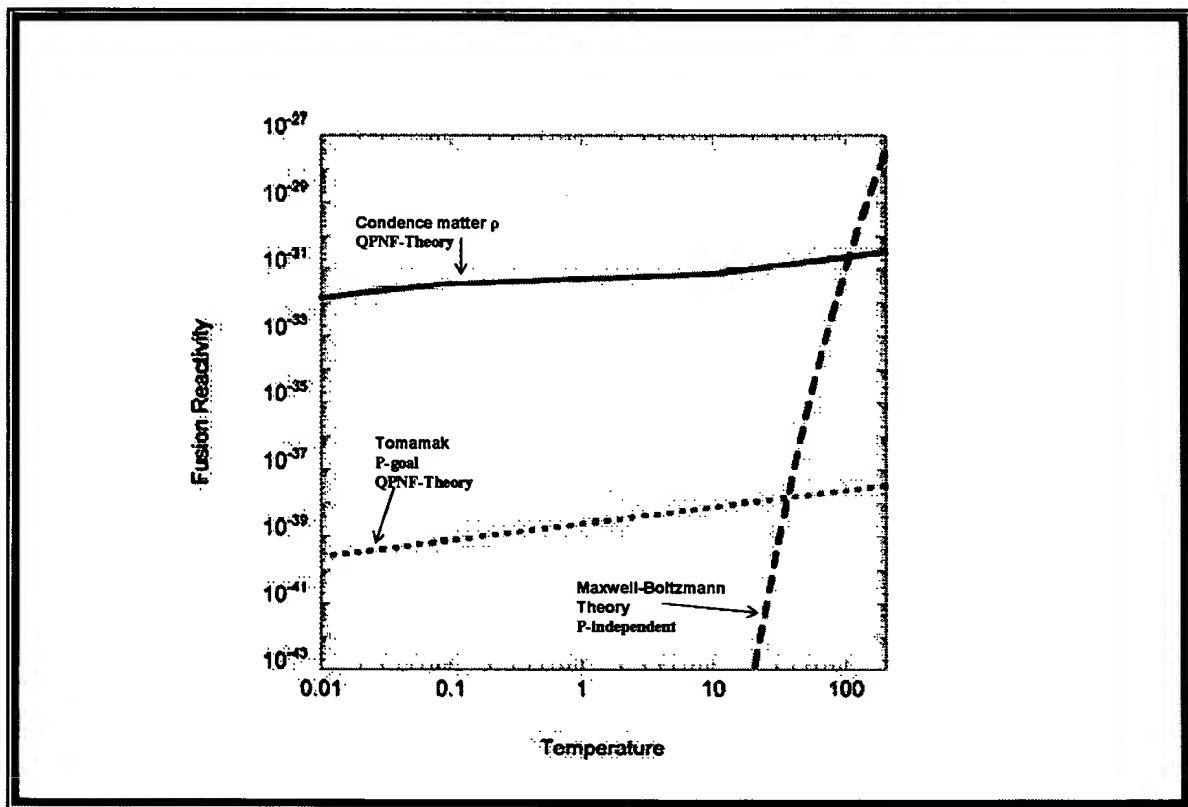
Recent trials confirmed that following standard electrolysis experiments, the diffusion barrier contained elements not present before the runs. In principle, the results of a single run can then be analyzed by other labs to determine the degree of consistency in detection of small concentrations of transmuted elements.

**Lewis G. Larsen, President and CEO, Founder and Prof. Allan Widom Consultant and Member of Lattice Energy LLC and Northeastern University, Dept. of Physics presented proprietary material on the Widom-Larsen theory for metal hydride surface catalysis of LENR. A convincing thesis was advanced to describe many of the known features of LENR without invoking**

any new physics. The theory is premised on the weak force (beta decay) of the Standard Model. NET: Kim did not present on the 12th or 13th, though he was in the audience. He provided slides to DTRA after the meeting.

**Yeong E. Kim, Purdue Nuclear and Many-Body Theory Group, Department of Physics, Purdue University** described a theory based on Quantum effect broadening of the distribution (via the Gamow factor). For  $n(E)$  that is Maxwell-Boltzmann (MB), Fermi-Dirac (FD), or Bose-Einstein (BE) distribution, modified by the quantum broadening of the momentum-energy dispersion relation,  $\delta\gamma(E-ep)$ , due to particle interactions.

The Quantum Nuclear Plasma Fusion theory provides a mechanism for enhanced net reaction rates at lower temperatures as illustrated for Deuterium-Deuterium:



### 5.3 Anti-Matter Annihilation Panel

**Mr. Ken Edwards, AFRL/MN**, chaired the Anti-Matter Panel. He is Director of the Revolutionary Technologies Integrated Product Team, chartered to plan and develop revolutionary paradigm-shifting munitions for the Air Force of 2025. He is currently focused on Positron Energy Conversion for explosive and propulsive applications and has overseen work in this area for several years. This has been a joint program conducted in partnership with DARPA.

Mr. Edwards listed the primary advantage of stored positrons to be their very high specific energy densities without creating any radioactive nuclear debris or long-term radiation following an annihilation reaction. Regarding storage mechanisms, he showed some schemes for efficiently moderating and storing positrons in the form of positronium (Ps) (a pseudo-atom consisting of a positron and an electron) using Penning traps. He noted that positronium can be stabilized using crossed magnetic and electric fields. Quantum chemistry calculations suggest potential lifetimes of up to a year or longer.

Dr. Gerry Smith, Professor Emeritus (Physics), Penn State, and Positronics Research, LLC reported on the "Physics and Experiments with Long Life Positronium" and described the theoretical basis for extended half-life of Ps in the crossed fields of a Penning trap. It was postulated that radiation-damaged Silica Aerogel (SA) might be paramagnetic and with controlled pore size, crossed fields (based on remnant magnetic fields and an imposed (modest) electric field) would allow storage of positronium for significant times at useful densities.

Dr. Smith summarized the work he felt would need to be accomplished to demonstrate this concept for anti-matter storage:

### Program Goals & Challenges (Near -Term)

Demonstrate improvements for higher density and longer -term Ps storage

- Intense, larger volume (10x)  $e^-$  irradiation of SA (>20 MGy)
- Test ultra light SA (> 100 nm cavity) and magnetized SA
- $e^-$  beam injection into Penning trap (20 mCi source)
- $e^+$  accumulation, cooling and lifetime ( $10^{-6}$ , 3 meV, > 20 sec)
- $e^+$  extraction into silica aerogel (5  $\mu$ sec)
- OWPs number enhancement ( $10$  SA vol.  $\times$  30 field/temp =  $300x$  @ 400G, 0 .5K)
- OWPs density enhancements (30 field/temp/10 SA vol. =  $3x$  @ 400G, 0.5 K)
- OWPs lifetime enhancement (TE; 100 nm, 1.2 ms =  $100x$ ; 1000 nm, 0.36 sec =  $36,500x$ )

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**Dr. Allen P. Mills, Jr., Physics Dept., University of California, Riverside, CA** proposed the need for apparatus to provide larger numbers of Ps atoms in order to study aspects of stimulated annihilation and their Compton wavelength. Dr. Mills described his program for a series of increasingly intense positron sources and showed calculation of their efficiency in producing Ps. A  $^{12}\text{C}(\text{d},\text{n})^{13}\text{N}$  reaction provides positrons when the nitrogen decays, which are then slowed and cooled in a Penning trap. His program may lead to development a 50 W source of positrons. The sources currently under way are in the milliwatt range.

Dr. Mills scientific objectives are to measure  $g$  for Ps, (needs  $10^8$  Ps); to observe stimulated annihilation, (needs  $10^{11}$  Ps); to make an annihilation gamma ray laser and measure the Compton wavelength, and to ignite fusion (perhaps  $10^{19}$  Ps). Larger sources and more refined positron moderating and cooling techniques will be required for Dr. Mills' more advanced planned sources.

**Stages to 50 W antimatter source**

Year	Model	d <sup>+</sup> Energy	Current	slow e <sup>+</sup> /s
2008	HFPS-1	1.5 MeV	1 mA	no mod.
2008	HFPS-2	1.5 MeV	1 mA	$10^9$
2009	HFPS-3	5 MeV	1 mA	$10^{10}$ 1.6 mW
2010	HFPS-4	5 MeV	10 mA	$10^{11}$ 16 mW
2011	HFPS-5	30 MeV	10 mA	$3 \times 10^{12}$ 0.5 W
201X	HFPS-X	30 MeV	1 A	$3 \times 10^{14}$ 50W

HFPS-3 is about to enter Phase II.  
HFPS-4 and 5 are suitable for a large lab.  
HFPS-X might be possible.

**Dr. Paul L. Csonka, University of Oregon**, spoke on the topic of "INTENSE POSITRON SOURCE with ENERGETIC ELECTRONS TRAVERSING UNDULATOR". He proposes positron generation using gamma rays from undulators mounted on major high energy storage rings. The main source of positrons (fast particles) seems to be pair production. He showed calculations of positron currents of between  $10^{14}$  and  $10^{17}$  per second and suggested the resulting

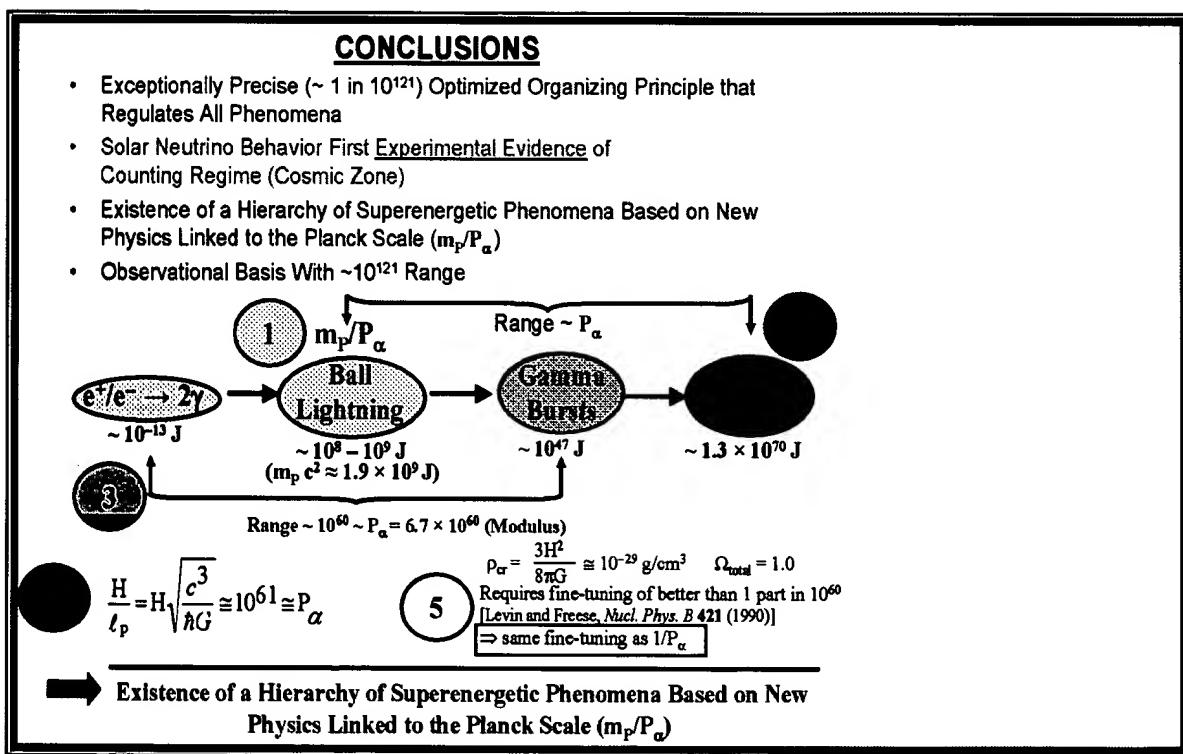
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fast particles could be moderated with an efficiency of 0.001 to 0.1 by one or another of proposed schemes. Accelerators existing and planned for other purposes could be adapted relatively easily for high flux positron production.

## 6.0 Other Topics

### 6.1 Exotic Energy and Power Concepts

**Dr. Charles Rhodes, University of Illinois**, illustrated relationships between levels of energy, power density of known physical phenomena that covers a scale of 1:10<sup>121</sup> in known instances. While some parts of this range have been exploited, Dr. Rhodes points out that many other parts of this vast range are available for study, and potentially scalable to energetic applications of interest:



### 6.2 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Nuclear Weapons

**Dr. Don Linger, DTRA**, postulated a new generation (post-Cold War) that would have little-to-no fission yield and therefore would be both radiologically clean and (perhaps) treaty compliant. Such low yields could be used against tactical targets and hard targets as well as for high altitude weapon effects. The US must be cognizant of such capabilities and the implications of such weapons potentially in the hands of our adversaries, both near-peer and developing nations.

### **6.3 Intelligence Perspective**

(b)(6) **Intelligence Community**, gave remarks on advanced energy sources from the intelligence perspective. He is aware of concerns for the US maintaining an ability to steer high quality research to topics and objectives critical for national security.

In a connected concern, he also spoke of the inability to pursue answers to important questions because of lack of technical understanding, the inability to properly prioritize issues and finally, a lack of qualified workers in these fields. He supported the advanced work being discussed in this workshop as both critical data to be acquired and as important training for the rising generation of scientists and engineers.

## **7.0 Feedback from Panel of Experts**

**The Honorable Dr. H Smith, Dr. Jack Davis, Dr. Fred Wikner, and Dr. Gerald Yonas** served as subject matter experts and provided their overall review of the Workshop. Their findings and recommendations are summarized in the table below:

	<b>Advisory Board Findings</b>	<b>Advisory Board Recommendations</b>
<b>Isomers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Nuclear structure is complex and poorly understood</b></li><li><b>Experiments are ad hoc- not systematic: some interesting data but no triggering observed</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Conduct large scale computer simulations like ASCI (not DTRA, NSF or DOE)</b></li><li><b>Experiments-long term; guided by theory, funded by NSF and DOE</b></li></ul>
<b>LENR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>There is good evidence of excess heat and transmutation</b></li><li><b>New theory by Widom shows promise; collective surface effects, not fusion</b></li><li><b>Low energy implantation of ions</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Careful experiments confirm and expand data base</b></li><li><b>Expand theory field with more participants</b></li><li><b>Other experiments included</b></li></ul>
<b>Anti-Matter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Systematic approach required: how to manage it</b></li><li><b>Experiments will require substantial increments</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Not suitable for DTRA, a combat support agency.</b></li></ul>
<b>Nuclear Weapons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>DoD needs low residual radiation weapon; DOE knows how to RDT and produce them</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>US DOE should proceed; DOD should provide requirements</b></li></ul>
<b>General Observations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Agency staffs and services are increasingly risk adverse</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Defense research establishment must think creatively about new concepts</b></li></ul>

## **8.0 Workshop Summary**

The High Energy Workshop endeavored to assemble the recognized experts in each of the energy categories to survey the state-of-art. The presentations did elucidate the state of science but of course were limited in depth based on time available. At the end of the Workshop, an early summary or “Hot Wash” debrief was presented to the senior DTRA leadership on the salient points made in the two days presentation. It is included in Appendix B.

**Nuclear Isomers** research has not yet provided evidence of reliable and effective triggering mechanisms. Production seems feasible, though engineering development is needed to scale up to practical amounts of material. The complexity of isomeric excited states and their induced depletion paths leads us not to expect too much from better theory or intense calculational efforts.

Yet, one cannot help but be intrigued by potentially gaining access to such highly energetic states for military applications. At this stage, modest investments related to the study of isomers and the physics of de-excitation would appear to be prudent. Also, improvements in experimental methods and diagnostic tools may be warranted.

Clearly, isomer production is not now the greatest roadblock to a proof-of-principle demonstration and should not be pursued at this time. A more fundamental issue is demonstration of a robust triggering approach. Here more experimental work is useful if focused on development of techniques for analyzing gamma spectra and measurement of depletion rates. Equally important would be innovative approaches to nuclear structure and transition probabilities. Weapons applications based on isomeric payloads are premature and should not be pursued.

**Low Energy Nuclear Reactions** are showing some remarkable progress with respect to energy (excess heat) production and transmuted element detection, but experiments remain only thinly reproducible. LENR also suffers from a basic lack of understanding of the governing physics.

There is also a compelling need for a theory that can explain production rates and lead to specific electrode treatments and electrolyte compositions and predictions of reaction power, energy and products. The Widom theoretical construct appears promising, but lacks robust experimental verification and rigorous peer review.

**NET:** Widom-Larsen theory published in peer-reviewed Eur. Phys. J. C nine months before, March 2001

The polarizing history of LENR is a detriment to expanding research efforts and it seems unlikely that deployable/useable devices could be expected within a five to ten year horizon. Some low-level funding by 6.1 agencies seems appropriate, both to exploit the possibility of a breakthrough and to monitor other (international) research in this field. Nonetheless, DTRA should not go it alone; rather, it should provide the leadership to build interagency research consortia with a focus on fostering improved research facilities and rigorous experimental protocols.

**Anti-Matter** research has provided encouraging results to suggest that positrons, in the form of positronium, may be efficiently stored with reasonable lifetimes. Clearly, stable sources of Ps capable of generating intense gamma pulses could have numerous interesting military applications. Methods to package Ps with longer life times and useful densities will require considerable experimentation and development, as will achieving efficient and affordable positron production methods.

A modest 6.1 program would keep DTRA in play on any future decisions regarding the feasibility of weaponizing anti-matter.

**4<sup>th</sup> Generation Nuclear Weapons Concepts** appear to be attractive for a number of military objectives, especially in situations needing low yield and low residual radioactivity.

(b)(3):10 USC 128

The military effectiveness of such weapons will need to be characterized in detail in concert with suitable concepts of operation. The policy implications, in terms of how such weapons may be used and whether they meet current legal strictures and arms control restrictions, must also be examined. In view of this concern, expressed by several members of the Expert Panel, a cursory review of the current legal definition of nuclear weapons was commissioned by DTRA and is provided in Appendix D.

Given the congressional restrictions on pursuing new nuclear weapons concepts, it is not clear what DTRA's role should be other than to stay abreast of new developments in this area, as a hedge against technology surprise and a new wave of proliferation. Also, a review of the potential implications to the U.S. national security posture, should such weapons be developed by others, would appear to be well advised.

**A Workshop Summary Report** briefing was compiled following the workshop and was presented to DTRA sponsors of the workshop. It is provided in Appendix C.

## **9.0 Recommendations**

**Novel Energy Strategy:** The Expert Panel noted that there many potentially interested agencies and that DTRA, as a new 6.1 agency, will need to find its niche. It is recommended that DTRA form and/or participate in an Interagency Novel Energy Working Group. Partnering agencies would include DTRA, DOE/NSSA, the National Laboratories, DHS, DARPA, NSF, and the Service Labs. The charter would be to coordinate budgets for maximum return and chart a course that would accelerate development of advanced energy concepts.

**Isomer Energy Storage:** The extraordinary claims regarding the de-excitation of  $Hf^{178m2}$  appear to have been thoroughly discredited. Nonetheless, it may be warranted to fund some basic research to continue screening candidate isomers, to develop an improved understanding of the physics of isomer de-excitation, and to explore de-excitation methods other than x-ray stimulation. There are no likely near-term military applications of nuclear isomers.

**LENR:** LENR still suffers from negative publicity associated with Cold Fusion and is viewed as being conducted outside the domain of legitimate, mainstream science. Nonetheless, the persistent and increasingly repeatable demonstrations of excess heat and transmutation suggest that there is something here worth pursuing. DTRA should not do so alone, but rather foster consortia that would help bring discipline and rigorous experimental protocol to this field. Additionally, efforts to better understand the physics of LENR as well as the development of first-principle predictive models are encouraged.

**Anti-Matter:** The challenge of stable storage of positrons in the form of positronium may be surmountable but progress to date has been modest. Near-term applications of this technology appear to be ill-advised. Additionally, the large parasitic mass associated with the storage of positronium and the small amount that can be stored, even under the most optimistic projections, effectively limits the system-level energy density. Nonetheless, some basic 6.1 research should be invested in keeping the effort alive. Perhaps an alliance between DTRA and NSF would be useful in this regard.

**4<sup>th</sup> Generation Nuclear Weapons:** DTRA, in cooperation with NNSA and with the approval of OSD, should consider supporting a few pilot studies to explore the potential applications of 4<sup>th</sup> generation nuclear weapons to meet projected future national security needs, explore the potential impact of such weapons if they were to be used against U.S. forces or infrastructure, and examine their overall policy implications.

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**Appendix A**  
**Workshop Participants**

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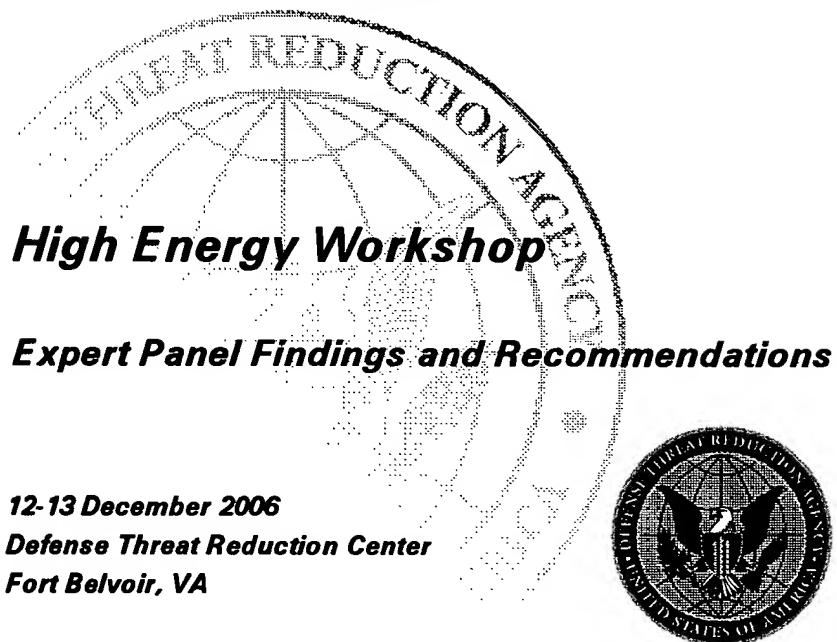
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**Appendix B**  
**Hot-Wash Briefing to DTRA**  
**December 13, 2007**

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## **Findings & Recommendations Isomers**

- **Findings**
  - Nuclear structure is complex and poorly understood
  - Experiments ad-hoc – not systematic
    - Some good data
    - Hafnium triggering inconclusive and not energetically break-even
- **Recommendations**
  - Theoretical structure and reaction studies are needed
  - Experiments –Long-term, guided by theory, red-teamed

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## **Findings & Recommendations LENR**

- **Findings**
  - Good evidence of excess heat and transmutation
  - Widom-Larsen theory shows promise: collective surface effects ... not fusion
  - Low energy implantation of ions
- **Recommendations**
  - Careful experiments to confirm data base
  - Expand theory field – need more players
  - Other experiments warranted

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## **Findings & Recommendations**

### **Anti-matter**

- **Findings**
  - System approach required: How big is it??
  - Experiments will require substantial investments
- **Recommendations**
  - Not suitable for DTRA, a combat support agency

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## **Findings & Recommendations**

### **Nuclear Weapons**

- **Findings**
  - DoD needs low residual radiation weapons
  - DOE knows how to
    - RDT&E and Production
- **Recommendations**
  - DOE should proceed
  - DoD should provide requirements

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**Findings & Recommendations**  
**General Observation**

- **Finding**
  - Agency staffs and Services are increasingly risk adverse
- **Recommendation**
  - Defense research establishment must think creatively about new concepts

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**Appendix C**  
**Summary Report Of High Energy Workshop**

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**High Energy Workshop**  
**Sponsored by DTRA/ASCO**

*12 – 13 December 2006  
Defense Threat Reduction Center  
Ft. Belvoir, VA*

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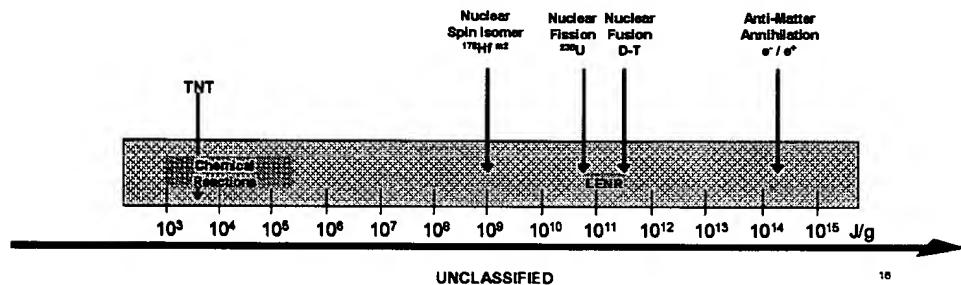
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## Workshop Objectives



- Survey and assess the S&T of highly energetic materials, whose energy is released via nuclear and subatomic processes ( $> 10^8$  eV/unit-event)
  - Nuclear Isomers
  - Low energy nuclear reactions (LENR)
  - Anti-matter Annihilation
  - Advanced nuclear fission and fusion
  - Exotic/Extreme Physics



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## Key Considerations



- Should these topics be included as part of a balanced investment portfolio in "Disruptive Energetics?"
  - Do we understand the underlying physics sufficiently well to proceed with confidence?
  - Do the potential pay-offs outweigh the risks?
- What should be the focus of the investment?
  - Well-defined, refereed, repeatable experiments?
  - Proof-of-concept tests?
  - Theoretical investigations?
  - Other?
- What are the potential applications?
  - Could these topics underwrite game-changing improvements in warfighting?
- What are the potential risks?
  - How many orders of magnitude of the specific energy density is likely to be lost to system-level packaging?
  - What criticisms should we anticipate from scientists, from the DoD bureaucracy, from Congress, ...?
  - Will these topics bump up against nuclear arms control agreements?

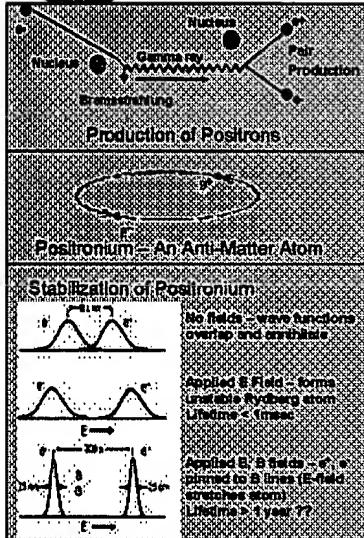
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## Anti-matter – The Basics



- Positrons annihilate with free electrons producing two soft (0.51 MeV) gamma rays (no radioactive products/residues)
  - Energy density for PEC is  $1.8 \times 10^{14} \text{ J/g}$ , compared to  $4.7 \times 10^3 \text{ J/g}$  for TNT and  $8.2 \times 10^{10} \text{ J/g}$  for  $^{235}\text{U}$  fission
  - 1  $\mu\text{g}$  of positrons  $\sim 40 \text{ kg}$  of TNT
- Positrons produced via bremsstrahlung and pair production (requires linac or synchrotron)
- Positrons stored as neutral positronium
  - No space charge forces to deal with
  - Positronium stabilized by crossed E and B fields
  - Quantum theory predicts stable Coulomb states of positronium with lifetimes of one year or longer
  - Ps storage in Penning traps and silica aerogels
- Potential applications include blast-frag effects, EMP, gamma ray laser, bioagent defeat, propulsion etc.

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## DARPA Proposed Applications for Positronium Payload\*



- A non-nuclear near-miss-to-kill interceptor for ballistic and cruise missile defense
  - Direct hit not necessary
  - Radiation kill of electronics and bioagents
  - 0.3 ns risetime (b)(3):10 USC prevents circumvention
  - One  $\mu\text{g}$  burst can be lethal to 300m against unshielded electronics (upset & latchup); other lethality mechanisms operate at shorter ranges
  - Only millisecond collateral RF interference effects



- A killer of bioagents in small bunkers
  - Promptly kills bioagents prior to dispersal
  - 1  $\mu\text{g}$  burst has a lethal radius of 2 meters against anthrax, the hardest case (radius for rendering sterile is greater)



\* Briefing by Martin Stickley, 5 June 2006

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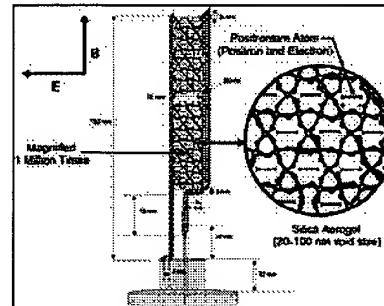


## Technical Challenges

The DARPA Ps Weapon Prototype consists of  $10^{21}$  positrons stored (as Positronium), at a density of 1  $\mu\text{g/liter}$ , with an energy equivalent of 180 MJ (40 kg TNT, 25x volumetric)

- Challenges

- Positronium production
  - Plant capital and operating costs (\$77M - \$200M per year)
  - Output of  $10^{22}$  to  $10^{24}$  Ps per year
- Long-term Ps storage (30 yrs) at militarily useful densities (180 MJ/l)
  - Create stable states of Ps that prevent self-annihilation
  - Penning trap for accumulation and cooling
  - Silica aerogel storage for weapons application
- Cost per weapon
  - \$200K - \$1.5M



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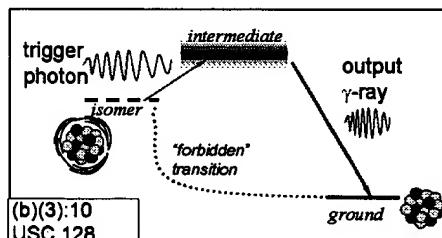
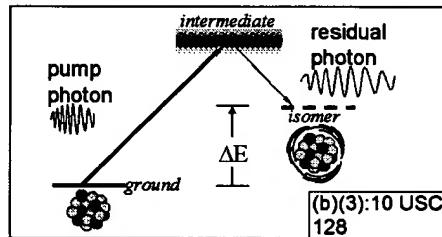
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## Nuclear Isomers – The Basics

- Nuclear isomers are metastable excited nuclear states with energy densities approaching nuclear fission (up to  $10^9$  J/g for isomers vice  $10^{11}$  J/g for nuclear fission)
- Nuclear isomers are long lived with mean lifetimes ranging from a few  $\mu\text{sec}$  to 1000s of years
- Fuel production is harder than for SNM
- Isomers can be de-excited to release energy by x-rays, neutrons, ions, ...
  - Demonstrated in  $^{180}\text{Ta}$  and  $^{187}\text{Au}$
  - Triggering physics not well understood
  - Energy break-even is improbable
- Potential applications
  - Weapons and portable energy sources if triggering energy is low



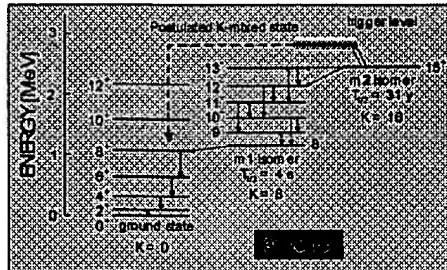
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**The Hafnium Controversy**

- $^{187}\text{Hf}^{m2}$  is attractive isomer
  - 2.4 MeV above ground state
  - Half-life of 31 years
- In 1999 collaboration led by Carl Collins (UT, Dallas) reports in Phys Rev Letters evidence that 10-keV x-ray photons can de-excite  $^{187}\text{Hf}^{m2}$ , triggering a prompt cascade of 2.45 MeV gamma-rays
  - Claimed existence of k-mixed state some 20-60 keV above the m2 state
- All attempts to reproduce Collin's results failed
- Strong theoretical arguments against triggering of  $^{187}\text{Hf}^{m2}$ 
  - Isomer is in high spin state ( $J=16$ ,  $K=16$ ) – selection rules for E-M decay severely inhibit transitions with large changes in  $K$
  - Theoretical nuclear x-ray absorption cross sections too low by  $\times 10^9$
- Even if triggering were possible, difficult to envisage chain reaction for explosive applications

**Where to next?**

- Achieve closure for  $^{128}\text{Hf}^{m2}$  ??
- Nuclear structure studies (K-mixing)
- Other isomers
- Other triggering mechanisms

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**Potential Isomers for Consideration\***

Isomer	$J^{+}/2^{+}$ (MeV)	Ex-isomer (MeV)	$E_{\gamma}$ (MeV)	Availability
Ta	418	109	46.4	$^{103}\text{Ag}(n,\gamma)^{104}\text{Ag}$ (51.8% $^{107}\text{Ag}$ , 48.1% $^{109}\text{Ag}$ )
	0.68	118	72.9	
	infinite	75	1010, 2800	0.012% of natural Ta (4.1% enriched from ORNL)
	141	49	4, 99	$^{241}\text{Am}(n,\gamma)^{242m}\text{Am}$ (~1 g $^{241}\text{Am}$ from ORNL)
	1200	6	264	$^{168m}\text{Ho}$ fully-enriched from ORNL
	$2 \times 10^6$	149	37	$^{185}\text{Re}(n,\gamma)^{186m}\text{Re}$ (96% enriched $^{185}\text{Re}$ from ORNL)
	0.44	970	100	$^{176}\text{Lu}(n,\gamma)^{177m}\text{Lu}$ (75% enriched $^{176}\text{Lu}$ from ORNL)
	31	2446	10	$10^8$ g quantities from SRS Technologies, Huntsville, AL

\*Source: Joe Shumer, NRL

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## Low Energy Nuclear Reactions (LENR)



- Two branches of LENR
  - Excess Heat
  - Nuclear Transmutation
- Legitimate experiments by reputable researchers worldwide continue to demonstrate "excess heat" production in electro-chemistry experiments
- Other "chemistry" experiments have shown transmutation of elements and production of energetic tritons, helium and tritium
- None of these observations can be attributed to conventional chemistry
- The body of evidence supporting LENR continues to grow, but hard data still only thinly reproducible

NET: This is incorrect. The hypothesis of "two branches" is obsolete. Excess heat occurs in both D/Pd as well as Ni/H. So do transmutations.

Question: Why have LENR researchers not been killed by lethal doses of neutrons and gammas??

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## New Theoretical Developments

### Widom-Larsen Theory



*Purports to explain most LENR observations without invoking any new physics beyond the standard model.*

- LENR is a manifestation of the weak interaction – it is not fusion or other forms of strong interaction
- Many-body "patches" of collectively oscillating protons or deuterons form on metallic hydride surfaces loaded with hydrogen isotopes
- Collective oscillations of the protons/deuterons start to loosely couple to the collective oscillations of nearby surface plasmon polariton (SSP) electrons, commonly found on the surface of metals
- Coupling between the two increases the local electric field to  $>10^{11}$  V/m (about the same as the Coulomb fields seen by inner electrons)
- Intense local radiation field raises effective mass of SSP electrons so that they can react with nearby protons and deuterons to form neutrons
- Neutrons created collectively have huge quantum mechanical wavelengths and are almost always absorbed by nearby nuclei
- Gammas emitted as a result of neutron absorption are intercepted by SSP electrons and reradiated as much softer E-M energy

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## Widom-Larsen Theory Explains ...

- Excess heat in electrochemical cells
- Nuclear transmutation abundances in electrochemical cells (total rates shown to be in agreement with experiment)
- Transmutations observed in exploding wire experiments as early as 1922

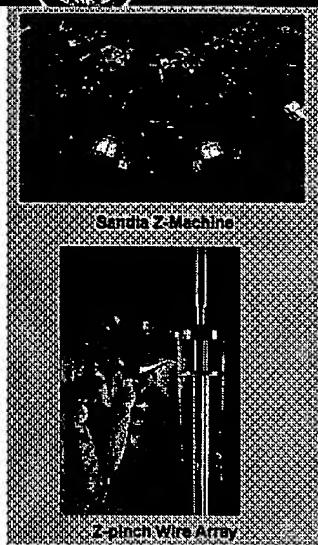
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## Advanced Nuclear Weapons Concepts



- Tailored Output Devices
  - Nuclear-driven directed energy
    - X-ray laser
    - Kinetic projectile array
  - Enhanced radiation weapon
  - Enhanced, localized EMP
- Pure Fusion Device
  - DT pellet implosion
    - Enhanced energetic material direct drive
    - Plasma Z-pinch drive
  - Essentially fall-out free
    - Some short-lived, neutron-activated radioactive isotopes

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## Other Exotica



- **Dark Matter**
  - Comprises about 22% of mass/energy of universe
    - Inferred from the motion of galaxies
    - Governed the earlier deceleration of the expanding universe
    - Many aspects of dark matter remain speculative
    - Density of dark matter is minuscule ( $10^{-29}$ g/cc)
- **Dark Energy**
  - Comprises about 74% of mass/energy of universe
    - Governs currently observed acceleration of expanding universe
    - Permeates and fills all space homogeneously
    - Density of dark energy is minuscule ( $10^{-29}$ g/cc)
- **Mini Black Holes**
  - A black hole of the smallest possible mass as determined by quantum mechanics
    - A degenerate state caused by runaway evaporation due to Hawking radiation
  - Mass is of order Planck's mass ( $2 \times 10^{-8}$  kg), or  $1.1 \times 10^{19}$  GeV, or 1.8 GJ (900 lbs TNT)
  - Further study warranted

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## **Appendix D**

# **STATUTORY & TREATY REFERENCES TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT**

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## **STATUTORY & TREATY REFERENCES TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT**

### **U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW**

#### **Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) of 1968**

Often referred to as the “cornerstone” of international nuclear non-proliferation doctrine, the NPT embodies the aspiration to “facilitate the cessation of the manufacture of nuclear weapons” and work toward “general and complete disarmament” among nations.<sup>1</sup> In spite of the U.S. government’s frequent invocation of this treaty in diplomatic pronouncements, it continues to take actions relating to the design and production of new nuclear weapons, notably the Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) concept and the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator (RNEP) program.

During the 2000 NPT Review Conference, the five NPT-established permanent nuclear powers (U.S., U.K., China, Russia and France) restated the NPT goal of eventual nuclear disarmament, reaffirming their “unequivocal commitment to the ultimate goals of a complete elimination of nuclear weapons and a treaty on general and complete disarmament...” The P-5 statement further reiterates “the necessity of a...convention banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices...”<sup>2</sup> While the NPT-recognized nuclear powers are thereby technically permitted to continue developing novel nuclear weapons in the absence of such a compact, doing so is widely considered antithetical to the spirit of the NPT. An additional product of the 2000 NPT Review Conference was the adoption of 13 “practical steps” toward the implementation of Article VI of the NPT concerning eventual nuclear disarmament. Research undertakings aimed at exploring new classes of nuclear weapons may violate one or more of these steps, including the agreement to move toward a “diminishing role for nuclear weapons in security policies...and to facilitate the process of their total elimination.”<sup>3</sup>

In a February 3, 2005, speech concerning U.S. compliance with Article VI, Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control Stephen G. Rademaker, while highlighting reductions of U.S. nuclear stockpiles and the cessation of fissionable material production for nuclear weapons, issued a controversial reservation. Referring to an improved earth-penetrating capability, he made clear that the U.S. would “continue to plan for contingencies and conceptually explore technical options that could maintain the

<sup>1</sup> Article VI, NPT: <<http://www.fas.org/nuke/control/npt/text/npt2.htm>>

<sup>2</sup> P-5 Statement on 2000 NPT Review Conference: <<http://www.ceip.org/programs/npp/npt2000p5.htm>>

<sup>3</sup> 2000 NPT Review Conference Final Document: <[http://www.armscontrol.org/act/2000\\_06/docjun.asp](http://www.armscontrol.org/act/2000_06/docjun.asp)>

credibility of our nuclear deterrent capability. Looking at options says nothing about what we will do. The fact is that the United States is not developing any new nuclear weapons, including low-yield nuclear weapons. The study of new weapons designs under funding provided by Congress in past years for advanced concepts has been entirely conceptual.” Rademaker emphatically repeated that the U.S. spends “zero – let me repeat – zero dollars” on the development or production of new nuclear weapons.<sup>4</sup> During a May 20, 2005, committee of the 2005 NPT Review Conference, Ambassador Jackie W. Sanders, Special Representative of the President for the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, echoed Rademaker’s tone, pointedly asserting that “the United States is not, repeat not, developing new nuclear weapons.”<sup>5</sup>

The RRW program has been criticized for violating the spirit of Article VI. Funding for this program in the FY06 Energy and Water Appropriations Act stipulated that, “any weapon design work done under the RRW program must stay within the military requirements of the existing deployed stockpile and any new weapon design must stay within the design parameters validated by past nuclear tests.”<sup>6</sup>

### **Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty of 1996**

The principal objective of the CTBT is to limit global nuclear proliferation by denying nuclear weapons states the ability to achieve technical advancements that require testing to verify. While the U.S. is a signatory to the CTBT, the Senate has not ratified the treaty. However, the 1992 Hatfield Amendment established a nuclear testing moratorium in keeping with the spirit of the CTBT. This moratorium remains in effect.

While the CTBT explicitly bans “any nuclear weapon test explosion or any other nuclear explosion,” considerable ambiguity exists concerning the technical definition of these terms.<sup>7,8</sup> Indeed, a 1987 Los Alamos National Laboratory report notes that, “a nuclear explosion has never been defined officially...”<sup>9</sup> Less ambiguous is the preamble to the treaty, which recognizes that the cessation of nuclear test explosions is necessary for “constraining the development and qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons and ending the development of advanced new types of nuclear weapons...”

### **Other Cold War Treaties**

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<sup>4</sup> Rademaker remarks, “U.S. Compliance With Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)”: <<http://www.state.gov/t/ac/rls/rm/41786.htm>>

<sup>5</sup> Sanders remarks, 2005 NPT Review Conference: <[http://www.un.int/usa/05\\_100.htm](http://www.un.int/usa/05_100.htm)>

<sup>6</sup> FY06 E&W Appropriations Act, P.L. 109-275: <<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/T?&report=hr275&dbname=109&>>

<sup>7</sup> CTBT text: <[http://www.ctbto.org/treaty/treaty\\_text.pdf](http://www.ctbto.org/treaty/treaty_text.pdf)>

<sup>8</sup> Jones, von Hippel, “The Question of Pure Fusion Explosions Under the CTBT,” *Science & Global Security*, 1998, Volume 7, pp. 129-150: <[http://www.princeton.edu/~globsec/publications/pdf/7\\_2Jones.pdf](http://www.princeton.edu/~globsec/publications/pdf/7_2Jones.pdf)>

<sup>9</sup> Thorn, Robert N. and Westervelt, Donald R. “Hydro-nuclear Experiments,” Los Alamos National Laboratory, February 1987: <<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/lanl/docs1/00090266.pdf>>

In the texts of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks treaties (SALT I and II), references to nuclear weapons are oblique, though commonly understood. The treaties instead refer to “strategic offensive arms,” “ballistic missiles,” and “ICBMs.” The understanding that these terms refer to nuclear weapons is implicit. In SALT I, the word “nuclear” appears only once – in reference to the title of the NPT.<sup>10</sup> In SALT II, the parties recognize the devastating consequences of “nuclear war” and agree to “exercise restraint in the development of new types of strategic offensive arms.”<sup>11</sup> In both the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaties (START I and II), references are made to “nuclear armaments” and the means for delivering them – heavy bombers, ALCMs, and so on – without offering a precise definition of “nuclear.”<sup>12,13</sup> Likewise, the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972 makes reference to “strategic arms” and “strategic ballistic missiles” in the context of preventing “nuclear war.”<sup>14</sup>

The Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof (Seabed Treaty) of 1972 prohibits the deployment of “any nuclear weapons or any other types of weapons of mass destruction” on the seabed, the ocean floor or in the subsoil.<sup>15</sup> The Limited Test Ban Treaty (LTBT) of 1963, also known as the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water (or the Partial Test Ban Treaty), invokes the desire to “put an end to the contamination of man’s environment by radioactive substances,” a broad definition that bans not simply nuclear weapon test explosions, but “any other nuclear explosion.” The treaty further prohibits any nuclear explosion that “causes radioactive debris to be present outside the territorial limits of the state under whose jurisdiction or control such explosion is conducted.”<sup>16</sup>

The Threshold Test Ban Treaty (TTBT) of 1990, seeking the “cessation of the nuclear arms race” and reductions in “strategic arms” and eventual “nuclear disarmament,” prohibits “any underground nuclear weapon test having a yield exceeding 150 kilotons.” Article III of the treaty specifically permits “underground nuclear explosions carried out by the parties for peaceful purposes,” wherein the term “explosion” is defined as “the release of nuclear energy from an explosive canister.”<sup>17</sup> An outgrowth of Article III was the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty (PNET) of 1976, which seeks to “assure that underground nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes shall not be used for purposes related to nuclear weapons.” Under this treaty, the parties agreed to “prohibit, to prevent and not to carry out... any explosion which does not carry out a peaceful application...” excepting tests permitted under the provisions of the TTBT.<sup>18</sup> The Strategic Offensive Reductions (SORT) Treaty of 2002 sought to reduce and limit “strategic offensive arms”

<sup>10</sup> SALT I text: <<http://www.fas.org/nuke/control/salt1/text/salt1.htm>>

<sup>11</sup> SALT II text: <<http://www.state.gov/www/global/arms/treaties/salt2-2.html>>

<sup>12</sup> START I text: <<http://www.state.gov/www/global/arms/starthtm/start/start1.html>>

<sup>13</sup> START II text: <<http://www.fas.org/nuke/control/start2/text/treatyar.htm>>

<sup>14</sup> ABM Treaty text: <<http://www.state.gov/www/global/arms/treaties/abm/abm2.html>>

<sup>15</sup> Seabed Treaty text: <[http://www.nti.org/e\\_research/official\\_docs/inventory/pdfs/.%5Captseabd.pdf](http://www.nti.org/e_research/official_docs/inventory/pdfs/.%5Captseabd.pdf)>

<sup>16</sup> LTBT text: <<http://www.state.gov/t/ac/trt/4797.htm>>

<sup>17</sup> TTBT text: <<http://www.state.gov/t/ac/trt/5204.htm>>

<sup>18</sup> PNET text: <<http://www.fas.org/nuke/control/pnet/text/pne2.htm>>

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and “strategic nuclear warheads.”<sup>19</sup> This treaty was criticized in some quarters due to the ambiguity associated with the term “strategic *nuclear* warheads,” which differed from the term “warheads attributed to strategic delivery systems” used in the START I Treaty.<sup>20</sup>

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**U.S. GOVERNMENT NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY**

**Atomic Energy Act of 1947**

Sec. 4 of the Act prohibits the possession or operation of facilities “for the production of fissionable material in quantities or at a rate sufficient to construct a bomb or other military weapon” outside the control of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). Later, in Sec. 6 the law prohibits the manufacture, production or possession of the means to “utilize fissionable materials as a military weapon, except as authorized by the Commission.” The law also forbids “any research or developmental work in the military application of atomic power if such research or developmental work is contrary to any international agreement...”<sup>21</sup>

**Atomic Energy Act of 1954**

Sec. 91 of the Act grants authority to the AEC to “conduct experiments and do research and development work in the military application of atomic energy” and “engage in the production of atomic weapons, or atomic weapon parts...” The term “atomic energy” is defined as “all forms of energy released in the course of nuclear fission or nuclear transformation.”<sup>22</sup> The term “atomic weapon” is defined as “any device utilizing atomic energy, exclusive of the means for transporting or propelling the device...the principal purpose of which is for use as, or for development of, a weapon, a weapon prototype, or a weapon test device.”<sup>23</sup>

Sec. 51 provides for the eventuality that “the Commission may determine from time to time that other material is special nuclear material in addition to that specified in the definition as special nuclear material. Before making any such determination, the Commission must find that such material is capable of releasing substantial quantities of atomic energy and must find that the determination that such material is special nuclear material is in the interest of the common defense and security, and the President must have expressly assented in writing to the determination.”<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> SORT treaty text: <<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/05/20020524-3.html>>

<sup>20</sup> Center for Arms Control, Energy and Environmental Studies: <<http://www.armscontrol.ru/start/sort.htm>>

<sup>21</sup> P.L. 79-585: <<http://www.osti.gov/atomicenergyact.pdf>>

<sup>22</sup> Title 42, Section 2014c, U.S. Code

<sup>23</sup> Title 42, Section 2014d, U.S. Code

<sup>24</sup> Title 42, Section 2071, U.S. Code

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The Act grants to the President the right to “direct the Commission to (1) deliver such quantities of special nuclear material or atomic weapons to [DoD] for such use as he deems necessary in the interest of national defense, or (2) to authorize [DoD] to manufacture, produce, or acquire any atomic weapon or utilization facility for military purposes: Provided, however, That such authorization shall not extend to the production of special nuclear material other than that incidental to the operation of such utilization facilities.”

**Additional definitions**

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 includes in its definition of “atomic energy defense activity” the following: “weapons activities including defense inertial confinement fusion...”<sup>25</sup>

According to Section 2332a of Title 18, U.S. Code, the definition of “weapon of mass destruction” includes the following category: “(D) any weapon that is designed to release radiation or radioactivity at a level dangerous to human life...”<sup>26</sup>

**1953 Agreement – Department of Defense-Atomic Energy Commission**

In 1953 an agreement was established between the AEC and the DoD to delineate the responsibilities of the respective agencies concerning “programs for proposed atomic weapons, their development, test, standardization, and production in accordance with military requirements.” The agreement states that the “development and production of atomic weapons will be the complementary responsibilities of the AEC and the DoD”; the “development and production of nuclear systems [defined as “comprised of the fission and/or fusion material, together with those components required to convert the system from the safe condition to an explosion”] is the primary function of the AEC”; the “division of responsibilities for the development and production of atomic weapons...will be by joint agreement on each weapon or by classes of weapons between the AEC and DoD”; and that the “determination of military characteristics suitability, and acceptability...is a primary function of the DoD.” The agreement also maintains that “it is fundamental to progress that both agencies pursue aggressively the study of new and radical concepts for military application of atomic energy.”<sup>27</sup>

The 1953 agreement identifies six phases of nuclear weapons production:

- 1) **Weapon conception** (may be undertaken independently or jointly; either agency that wishes to pursue an idea which would involve the modification of or the new development of nuclear systems must ask the other agency to examine the practicality of at least that portion of development)

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<sup>25</sup> Title 42, Section 10101, U.S. Code

<sup>26</sup> Title 18, Section 2332a, U.S. Code:

[http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/search/display.html?terms=2332a&url=/uscode/html/uscode18/usc\\_sec\\_18\\_00002332--a000-.html](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/search/display.html?terms=2332a&url=/uscode/html/uscode18/usc_sec_18_00002332--a000-.html)

<sup>27</sup> 1953 Agreement: [http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/reading\\_room/750.pdf](http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/reading_room/750.pdf)

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- 2) **Determination of Feasibility** (may be undertaken independently or jointly; DoD determines military characteristics of weapon)
- 3) **Development Engineering** (AEC launches a development program, produces prototypes; DoD gives guidance)
- 4) **Production Engineering** (AEC proceeds with production of weapon; DoD gives guidance, evaluates prototypes as necessary)
- 5) **First Production** (AEC manufactures weapon; DoD makes evaluation)
- 6) **Quantity Production and Stockpile** (AEC brings production to full scale; DoD continues appraisal of weapons performance)

**Department of Defense Directives**

DoD Directive 3150.1, entitled, “Joint Nuclear Weapons Development Studies and Engineering Projects,” expands on these phases with the following directions:<sup>28</sup>

E) 1. Concept Definition Studies (Phase 1):

- a. Any DoD Component (with the cooperation of other DoD Components and the DoE, as desired) or the DoE may conduct a Phase 1 study to define a weapon concept and to help the DoD Component concerned and the USDR&E decide whether to proceed with a joint Phase 2 study.
- b. If the Phase 1 study foresees the modification of an existing nuclear weapon *or the development of a new nuclear weapon*, the DoD Component concerned shall ask the DoE to examine the practicability of at least that portion of the concept.

An updated version of DODD 3150.1, entitled “Joint DoD-DOE Nuclear Weapon Life-Cycle Activities,” requires that DoD procedures for nuclear weapons life-cycle activities shall “Require full coordination of all nuclear weapons development, production, sustainment, and retirement projects with the DoD Components and the DOE.”<sup>29</sup>

DoD Directive 2060.1, entitled, “Implementation of, and Compliance with, Arms Control Agreements,” mandates that “All DoD activities shall be fully compliant with arms control agreements of the U.S. Government.” The Directive requires the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics to: “As necessary, establish a DoD compliance review group (CRG) for each arms control agreement...to monitor compliance of all DoD activities and to coordinate DoD guidance on issues arising from questions of compliance”; “Certify, as necessary, that specific planned activities are in compliance with arms control agreements”; “Monitor all DoD activities for compliance with arms control agreements and, as necessary, conduct or direct reviews to determine if there are issues that should be brought before a CRG to ensure compliance”; and “Provide direction and oversight for the conduct of research and development to support DoD arms control agreement implementation and compliance.”<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> DODD 3150.1 Joint Nuclear Weapons Development Studies and Engineering Projects:  
<[http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/usa/doctrine/dod/dodd-3150\\_1.htm](http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/usa/doctrine/dod/dodd-3150_1.htm)>

<sup>29</sup> Joint DoD-DOE Nuclear Weapon Life-Cycle Activities, March 8, 2004:  
<[http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/d31501\\_082602/d31501p.pdf](http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/d31501_082602/d31501p.pdf)>

<sup>30</sup> DoD Directive 2060.1: <[http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/d20601\\_010901/d20601p.pdf](http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/d20601_010901/d20601p.pdf)>

## **Congressional Oversight of Nuclear Weapons**

According to a presentation by Stephen I. Schwartz at the 2005 Carnegie Endowment International Non-Proliferation Conference, jurisdiction over the U.S. nuclear weapons program is distributed among no fewer than 30 congressional committees and subcommittees.<sup>31</sup> Primary jurisdiction resides in the following committees:

- House Armed Services Committees
  - Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
- House Appropriations Committee
  - Subcommittee on Defense
  - Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
  - Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce
- House Energy and Commerce Committee
  - Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality
- House Budget Committee
- House Science Committee
  - Subcommittee on Energy
- Senate Armed Services Committees
  - Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
- Senate Appropriations Committee
  - Subcommittee on Defense
  - Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
  - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
- Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
  - Subcommittee on Energy
- Senate Budget Committee
- Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
  - Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety

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## **ALTERNATIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT**

Among the pillars of the international nuclear nonproliferation regime – chiefly the NPT and the CTBT – considerable definitional ambiguity exists concerning the nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons-related activities proscribed under the treaties. While scholars have debated the applicability of these agreements to advanced research into non-traditional nuclear weapons – including low-yield nuclear weapons, nuclear spin

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<sup>31</sup> Schwartz, Stephen I. "A Brief History of Congressional Oversight of Nuclear Weapons," Carnegie Endowment International Non-Proliferation Conference November 8, 2005:  
<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/static/npp/2005conference/presentations/Schwartz.pdf>

isomers, pure-fusion weapons, antimatter/positron weapons and low energy nuclear reactions – substantial government funding has been invested in these fields.

### **Low-yield Nuclear Weapons Research and Development**

The 1993 Spratt-Furse law, included as part of the FY 1994 National Defense Authorization Act, states that, “It shall be the policy of the United States not to conduct research and development which could lead to the production by the United States of a new low-yield nuclear weapon,” defined as having a yield of less than five kilotons.<sup>32</sup> This prohibition was repealed by the FY 2004 National Defense Authorization Act with the stipulation that “The Secretary of Energy may not commence the engineering development phase, or any subsequent phase, of a low-yield nuclear weapon unless specifically authorized by Congress.”<sup>33</sup> However, even before the repeal of Spratt-Furse, scholars had questioned whether the ambiguity of the law’s definition of permissible research left open the possibility that research on low-yield nuclear weapons could occur as long as it stopped short of being used to “develop” an actual weapon.<sup>34</sup>

As part of the Advanced Concepts Initiative of the 2001 Nuclear Posture Review, the Pentagon advocated “improved earth penetrating weapons (EPWs) to counter the increased use by potential adversaries of hardened and deeply buried facilities.”<sup>35</sup> This concept would be embodied in the controversial RNEP program. The FY 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations Act includes the following provision concerning “Advanced Concepts”: “The conferees provide \$7,500,000 for the [RNEP study, instead of \$5,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$15,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees remind the Administration that none of the funds provided may be used for activities at the engineering development phases, phase 3 or 6.3, or beyond, in support of advanced nuclear weapons concepts, including the [RNEP].”<sup>36</sup>

Following a contentious debate in Congress, the FY 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act discontinued funding for RNEP. For FY 2006, while funding for RNEP was requested (to be divided between the NNSA and DoD), Congress again chose not to appropriate funds. NNSA requested no funds for RNEP for FY2007.<sup>37</sup>

### **Pure Fusion Weapons**

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<sup>32</sup> P.L 103-160: <<http://www.cns.miis.edu/pubs/week/030528.htm>>

<sup>33</sup> P.L. 108-136: <<http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/olc/docs/2004NDAA.pdf>>

<sup>34</sup> Wang, Justine. “Congressional Bills Passed Support Bush Agenda for New Nuclear Weapons,” Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. December 9, 2003: <[http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/2003/12/09\\_wang\\_congressional-bills.htm](http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/2003/12/09_wang_congressional-bills.htm)>

<sup>35</sup> Ferguson, Charles D. “Mini-Nuclear Weapons and the U.S. Nuclear Posture Review,” Center for Nonproliferation Studies: <<http://www.cns.miis.edu/pubs/week/020408.htm>>

<sup>36</sup> FY 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations Act: <<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/T?&report=hr357&dbname=108&>>

<sup>37</sup> Medalia, Jonathan. “‘Bunker Busters’: Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator Issues, FY2005-FY2007.” Congressional Research Service Report, February 21, 2006: <<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL32347.pdf>>

During the 1975 NPT Review Conference, U.S. representatives issued a statement regarding laser fusion research holding that “Such contained explosions are not ‘other nuclear explosive devices’ in the sense of the NPT and research in this area is allowed under Article IV.”<sup>38</sup> When the Clinton Administration submitted the CTBT to the Senate for ratification in 1997, its accompanying statement maintained that Inertial Confinement Fusion was allowed under the treaty.<sup>39</sup>

In a 1998 paper entitled “The Question of Pure Fusion Explosions Under the CTBT,” Suzanne L. Jones and Frank N. von Hippel suggested that, “Fusion research involving implosions of deuterium-tritium targets driven by laser or particle beams appears to be widely accepted as not prohibited under the [CTBT].”<sup>40</sup> Their paper offers a technical basis for establishing a ban on the development of pure fusion weapons. The same year, scholars of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research (IEER) published a paper, “Dangerous Nuclear Quest,” arguing that laboratory fusion explosions are indeed illegal under the CTBT and that the U.S. National Ignition Facility thus violated international law. While acknowledging the difficulty in defining a “nuclear explosion” under the CTBT, the authors propose a variety of limitations – including limiting the energy releases from fusion reactions to less than the input into the fuel pellet, limiting neutron production and banning the use of tritium in systems driven by high explosives – to forestall the creation of fusion weapons without hampering innocuous fusion research.<sup>41</sup> DOE rejected the conclusion of the report, arguing that fusion experiments did not constitute “nuclear explosions” as defined by the CTBT, and further insisted that the U.S. has no program to develop fusion weapons.

Despite criticism about U.S. noncompliance with the CTBT, research involving “magnetized target fusion” has been conducted in collaboration between the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the All-Russian Institute of Experimental Physics at Sarov. Additionally, the Sandia National Laboratory has conducted research involving the use of x-rays to implode small fusion targets.<sup>42</sup>

### **Nuclear Isomer Weapons**

In 2003, DARPA invested \$7 million in research to study the feasibility of artificially triggering the isomer hafnium-178, with additional funding planned in subsequent years.<sup>43</sup> Research on hafnium-178 is underway at the Air Force Research Laboratory at

<sup>38</sup> Makhijani, Arjun and Zerriffi, Hisham. “Dangerous Thermonuclear Quest” – Chapter 5: Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Issues, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, July 1998. <<http://www.ieer.org/reports/fusion/chap5.html>>

<sup>39</sup> Ibid.

<sup>40</sup> Jones, von Hippel, “The Question of Pure Fusion Explosions Under the CTBT,” *Science & Global Security*, 1998, Volume 7, pp. 129-150:

<[http://www.princeton.edu/~globsec/publications/pdf/7\\_2Jones.pdf](http://www.princeton.edu/~globsec/publications/pdf/7_2Jones.pdf)>

<sup>41</sup> Makhijani, Arjun and Zerriffi, Hisham. “Dangerous Thermonuclear Quest” – Chapter 5: Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Issues, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, July 1998. <<http://www.ieer.org/reports/fusion/chap5.html>>

<sup>42</sup> Jones, von Hippel.

<sup>43</sup> Weinberger, Sharon. “Scary Things Come in Small Packages,” *The Washington Post*, March 28, 2004: <<http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A22099-2004Mar24?language=printer>>

Kirtland, New Mexico. The Defense Technologies Information Center listed hafnium weapons in its “Military Critical Technologies List,” declaring that such weapons possess “the potential to revolutionize all aspects of warfare” – evidence that research into nuclear isomers is oriented toward potential weaponization.<sup>44</sup> In 2002, DoD created the Hafnium Isomer Production Panel (HIPP) to explore the mass production of hafnium for military purposes.<sup>45</sup>

According to a May 2004 piece in *Physics Today*, “Because isomer weapons would not involve transmutation of nuclear species, they don’t come under the rubric of existing nonproliferation treaties.”<sup>46</sup> However, though comparatively little fallout would result from a nuclear-isomer explosion versus a traditional fission explosion, the dispersion of un-detонated isomer material as radioactive particles may, in theory at least, contradict a key tenet of the LTBT concerning the “contamination of man’s environment by radioactive substances.”

Despite a \$4 million budget request from the Bush Administration, the House and Senate Armed Services Committees slashed funding for Stimulated Isomer Energy Release (SIER) in the DARPA budget and recommended the transfer of responsibility for such research from DoD to the NNSA. According to the HASC report language accompanying the FY 2005 defense authorization bill, “Given the significant policy issues associated with any eventual use of an isomer weapon and given the inability of distinguished scientists to replicate the reported successful triggering experiment of 1998, the committee believes that [DoD] should not be engaged in this research. The proper agency to investigate the feasibility of this technology is the [NNSA] and its national laboratory complex.”<sup>47</sup>

### **Antimatter / Positron Weapons**

According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the U.S. Air Force has channeled \$3.7 million to the firm Positronics Research LLC for positron research, though this funding may support national security priorities far beyond the development of advanced munitions.<sup>48</sup> In a March 24, 2004, presentation to a NASA Institute for Advanced Concepts (NIAC) conference, Kenneth Edwards of the Munitions Directorate at Eglin Air Force Base stressed the potential applications of positrons to propel continuous-flight surveillance aircraft and space vehicles with relatively little emphasis on weapons development.<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>44</sup> Schwarzschild, Bertram. “Conflicting Results on a Long-Lived Nuclear Isomer of Hafnium Have Wider Implications.” *Physics Today*, May 2004: <<http://www.physicstoday.org/vol-57/iss-5/p21.html>>

<sup>45</sup> Davidson, Keay. “Superbomb ignites science dispute.” *The San Francisco Chronicle*, September 28, 2003: <<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2003/09/28/MN23720.DTL&type=printable>>

<sup>46</sup> Schwarzschild.

<sup>47</sup> American Institute of Physics, “Armed Services Committees Refuse to Authorize SIER Weapon Research,” FYI Number 76: June 4, 2004: <<http://www.aip.org/fyi/2004/076.html>>

<sup>48</sup> Davidson, Keay. “Air Force pursuing antimatter weapons,” *The San Francisco Chronicle*, October 4, 2004: <<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2004/10/04/MNGM393GPK1.DTL>>

<sup>49</sup> Edwards, Ken. “Propulsion and Power with Positrons.” NIAC Fellows Meeting, 24 March, 2004: <[http://www.niac.usra.edu/files/library/meetings/fellows/mar04/Edwards\\_Kenneth.pdf](http://www.niac.usra.edu/files/library/meetings/fellows/mar04/Edwards_Kenneth.pdf)>

However, Edwards did note that “no nuclear residue” would result from positron explosions, theoretically avoiding the environmental “contamination” that early test ban treaty proponents sought to prevent.

### **Low Energy Nuclear Reactions (Cold Fusion)**

In a February 2002 report entitled, “Thermal and Nuclear Aspects of the Pd/D<sub>2</sub>O System,” Dr. Frank E. Gordon, Head of the Navigation and Applied Sciences Department of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, San Diego, wrote: “We do not know if Cold Fusion will be the answer to future energy needs, but we do know the existence of Cold Fusion phenomenon through repeated observations by scientists throughout the world. It is time that this phenomenon be investigated so that we can reap whatever benefits accrue from additional scientific understanding. It is time for government funding organizations to invest in this research.”<sup>50</sup> From July 31-August 3, 2006, the National Defense Industrial Association and the Office of Naval Research co-hosted a Naval Science & Technology Partnership Conference in Washington, D.C., where Dr. Gordon hosted an “LENR Breakout Session” to discuss Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command research developments in low energy nuclear reaction research.

Coverage of Dr. Gordon’s remarks in the *New Energy Times* contained the following claim about U.S. government support for Cold Fusion research: “Although the U.S. Department of Energy has yet to fund studies in the area, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, long known for boldness in funding research, has been funding small LENR projects quietly for many years and recently has taken a renewed interest in the subject.”<sup>51</sup>

The Internet abounds with additional reports of undetermined veracity suggesting that DARPA support for LENR, while discreet, is ongoing. However, little evidence suggests that the focus of this research is oriented toward the development of weapons.

### **Miscellaneous – Foreign Investment in Alternative Nuclear Weapons**

A 2006 report by the Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction at National Defense University notes that, “Moscow seems intent on maintaining a full range of weapon types and exploring new ones, including precision low-yield, pure fusion, ‘clean’ penetrators’, and nuclear isomer weapons.”<sup>52</sup>

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<sup>50</sup> Technical Report 1862. “Thermal and Nuclear Aspects of the Pd/D<sub>2</sub>O System – Volume 1: A Decade of Research at Navy Laboratories.” <<http://www.spawar.navy.mil/sti/publications/pubs/tr/1862/tr1862-vol1.pdf>>

<sup>51</sup> Krivit, Steven and Daviss, Bennett. “Extraordinary Evidence.” *New Energy Times*, November 10, 2006. <<http://lenr-canr.org/acrobat/KrivitSextraordin.pdf>>

<sup>52</sup> WMD Center 2006 Annual Symposium: “The Future Nuclear Landscape: New Realities, New Responses.”: <<http://www.ndu.edu/WMDCenter/docUploaded/Symposium%202006%20-%20Key%20Themes.pdf>>